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Nazis Assume Control Of Vital Frontier Railways

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (UP).—A dispatch from Rome to-day disclosed that the German army and secret police authorities have assumed control of all railway passenger traffic between Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain.

The message did not indicate at which point along the Swiss frontier the Germans had established control, but indicated that the Germans might have re-routed trains so that they will pass through the German occupied zone into France to Switzerland and Italy.

GERMAN CITIES AGAIN BOMBED

Cologne, Duisburg, Berlin

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Royal Air Force is giving German industrial cities and the Channel ports no rest.

According to the Air Ministry, a great number of heavy bombs were dropped both on Cologne and Duisburg, many large fires being left burning.

The docks at Dunkirk were also effectively bombed. Eight British planes are missing from these attacks.

Encouraging News
ANKARA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The announcement that British bombers over Germany frequently number over 300 a night and the publication of figures of bombs dropped in three weeks over the Ruhr, Cologne and Hamburg has impressed public opinion as never before with Britain's air might.

It has also done much to remove the misleading impression created by German communiques when they speak about "isolated British aircraft" and so on.

Berlin Bombed
MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Soviet planes raided Berlin area last night, according to the Moscow radio. Incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on military and industrial objectives where fires and explosions were observed.

All the Soviet planes returned safely to their bases.

Nazis Lose Eight
LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Eight German fighters were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters in offensive operations over Northern France this morning, it is learned.

Six R.A.F. fighters are missing but the pilots of two are safe.

Turks In Touch With Iran Affair
ANKARA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—There has been no further Press comment on the British and Russian notes to Iran on the large numbers of Germans in Iran's territory.

It is understood that the Turkish Government is being kept fully informed of developments by the British and Soviet Ambassadors.

Tobruk Artillery Exchanges
CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—At Tobruk there has been heavy enemy shell-fire in one sector of the British defences. Our own artillery obtained many direct hits on parties of the enemy.

In the Western Desert, the situation is unchanged, states a Middle East communique to-day.

Letter Delivered
LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—Mr Winston Churchill took luncheon with the King to-day and handed the King, President Roosevelt's letter. They remained in conversation for nearly two hours.

JAPAN-THAI RELATIONS

Remain Unchanged
BANGKOK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Foreign press reports that Japan has presented various demands to Thailand and has fixed an eight-day time limit for a reply are denied in a communique broadcast by the Bangkok Radio to-night.

The communique reveals that the Charge d'Affaires of the Japanese Embassy called on the Thai Premier to deny these reports.

Besides denying the reports, the communique re-affirms that Japanese-Thai relations are unchanged.

Amy Johnson's Life, Film

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Anna Neagle, the film star, and Mr. Herbert Wilcox, the producer, have left by clipper for London to make a film of the life of Amy Johnson, the famous British aviatrix who was drowned last year while engaged in war work.

Miss Neagle is travelling under the name of Florence Morjoris Robertson.

RUSSIANS MAY FLOOD NAZIS IN UKRAINE BY RELEASING HUGE DAM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, AUG. 19 (UP).—THERE ARE REPORTS CIRCULATING HERE FROM LONDON AND MOSCOW THAT THE RUSSIANS MAY BREAK THE TREMENDOUS DNIESTROV DAM WITH THE PURPOSE OF FLOODING THE GERMANS IN THE LOWER RIVER AREAS.

After two months of the Russo-German war, the Nazis claimed to have taken all the Ukraine west from the Dniester, comprising about 130,000 square miles, and to have captured 180,750 prisoners in the past ten days. However, informed quarters in London and Moscow deprecate Berlin's allegation that the Red Army in the Ukrainian area is in the process of dissolution, and indicated that the Red forces are intact.

London experts assert that 400,000 Russian troops have withdrawn across the Dniester in the past four days.

Moscow claims counter blows against the Nazis on the Smolensk front.

95 Miles From Leningrad
The Nazis are now about 95 miles from Leningrad—the central front defending Moscow reportedly holding firm.

Russian losses in connection with the Dniester withdrawal are unofficially estimated at 150,000 men.

Aerial warfare continues with German and Russian bombers apparently attempting to raid enemy capitals without particular success.

New Fighting Planes
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (UP).—Russia's latest fighting planes, reported to be faster, better armed and capable of flying higher than any machine hitherto available to the Russian air force, is to go into action to-morrow (Wednesday).

This was announced in Moscow to-day, when it was revealed that the Soviet aviation industry had now prepared sufficient numbers of these planes to enable them to go into combat.

Simultaneously a Moscow dispatch was released regarding the southwestern Ukrainian front which reported "violent street fighting in cities and villages."

The "Red Star," official Red Army newspaper, reported that a cavalry regiment has outflanked Germans at a point in the "K" counter-attack at night and had destroyed two Nazi battalions.

"Pravda" also announced the annihilation of two German battalions of the 88th Regiment of Count von Zangen's division which fought in France, Belgium and Greece.

LATEST

Latest Soviet Communique
MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During August 18, our troops waged battle against the enemy along the entire front, especially stubbornly in the Kingisepp, Novgorod, Gomel and Odessa directions."

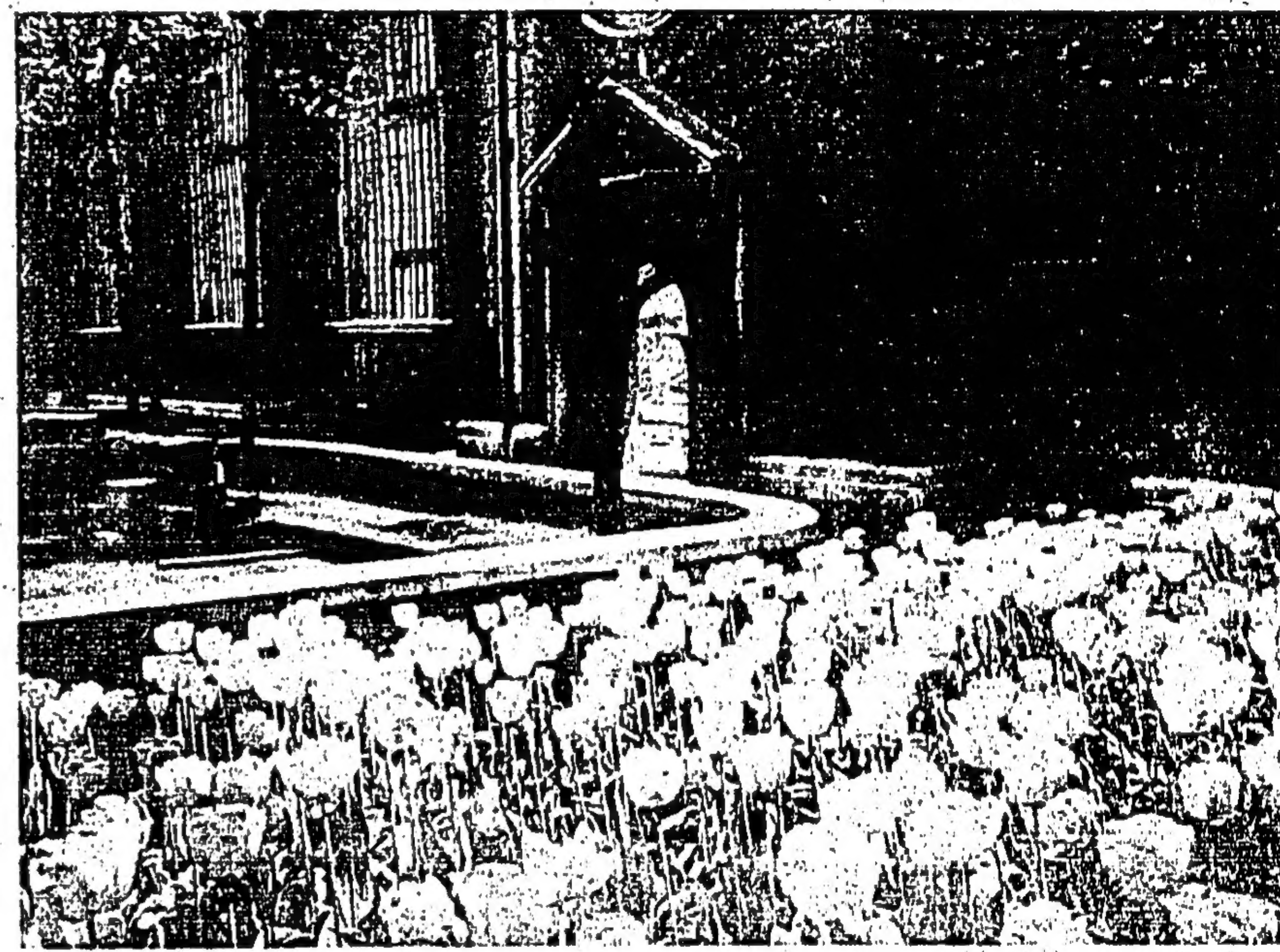
"According to information now available, on August 17 in the course of air combats, 23 German planes were brought down and not 22 as previously reported."

"On the night of August 17-18, our planes bombed Ploesti. Our fighters observed large fires and explosions."

"On August 18, 30 German planes were brought down in the course of air combats. We lost 12 planes."

"In the Black Sea, our bombers sank two enemy transports and set fire to another transport."

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FLEET AIR ARM SMASHES HALF AN ENEMY CONVOY

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Half of an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean was sunk, beached or set on fire as the result of an attack by the Fleet Air Arm on Sunday night. A communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East states:

Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a highly successful attack on an enemy convoy consisting of five large merchant vessels and a tanker escorted by six destroyers in the Central Mediterranean during the night of August 17-18. One vessel of 6,000 tons was hit by a torpedo and sank after two hours.

The tanker was also hit by a torpedo and a violent explosion followed.

Aircraft which shadowed the remainder of the convoy reported later that the tanker was still on fire and had stopped.

Scenes of considerable confusion were taking place, anti-aircraft guns being fired in all directions without any definite target.

A second merchantman was then torpedoed and reconnaissance on the following day showed that it had been beached at Lampedusa Island. The ship was there attacked by TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Submarine Cachalot Lost But Crew Safe
LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced that "the submarine Cachalot, commanded by Lieutenant H. R. B. Newton, D.S.C., is overdue and must be considered lost. Enemy broadcasts seem to indicate that the entire crew of the Cachalot have been rescued and are prisoners of war."

Export licences will be granted for approved goods only within the limit of the funds available on the clearing account.

Similar arrangements are being made in other parts of the Empire. The maintenance of diplomatic and consular representation will be financed in a similar way.

Beaverbrook With Mr Roosevelt
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook is lunching with President Roosevelt and Mr Harry Hopkins to-day. It is presumed here that they will discuss expediting the flow of war supplies to Britain and possibly aid to Soviet Russia.

Commitments Debated By Senators Declaration Criticised

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The sixth point in the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration made an "offensive and defensive alliance" between the two countries and involved a commitment that might take the United States into the war.

This was stated by Senator Johnson in the course of a sharp debate in the Senate, precipitated by the denial by Senator Barkley that the possibility of sending a United States Expeditionary Force to help Britain invade the Continent was either "discussed, intimated or even hinted at" at yesterday's President Roosevelt's conference with Congressional leaders.

Pertinent Question
Senator Clark asked Senator Barkley if it would have been an "act of war" if the British battleship Prince of Wales had been bombed while President Roosevelt, his sons TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Menzies Warns Against Complacency In War

SYDNEY, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—A warning to Australians against complacency and slackening of effort and a declaration that the war would be a task years long was uttered by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, to-day addressing businessmen.

Warmly praising Russia, he said: "Thank God for what the Russian Army has done, is doing and is going to do."

Praising government control of prices, profits and interest rates, Mr Menzies said that this would continue after the war and was part of the new order which was being built already.

Mission To London
SYDNEY, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Discounting the suggestion that his proposed mission to London would be TURN to Back Page, Column 3

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Bank Employee At 85 Refuses To Step Down

CHICO, Cal.—The holder of the longest service record among California banking employees would like nothing better than to be permitted to go on working for a few more years.

Five years ago, the Anglo California bank here attempted to retire Thomas N. Crew after 60 years of service. Crew rebelled, obtained appointment as superintendent of the bank's building and recently celebrated his 65th year of service with banking companies. Now 85, Crew continues to keep regular office hours.

Born in London, Eng., Crew first went to work for a bank in 1875, as cashier of the Bank of Chico. He remained with the organization through several reorganizations and was head of the trust department when the company tried, and failed, to retire him in 1936.

Crew says his most interesting bank experience was with some 1,500 Chinese employed in gold mining near Chico a half-century ago. He learned Chinese-style arithmetic and boasts that he was the only person with whom they dealt without suspicion.

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Police Chief Relates Chungking Impressions

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, was the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday, when he delivered an interesting talk on his impressions of Chungking, which he recently visited.

Calling the subject of his talk "A Policeman Looks at Chungking," the Commissioner spoke of his experiences during air raids on the wartime capital of China, of conditions in the shelters, and of how the inhabitants were warned of the approach of raiders.

In particular Pennefather-Evans said in part:

As a matter of fact, the first warning that I experienced in Chungking went at a most inconvenient hour, just as I was sitting down to breakfast. After breakfast, and in the time the servants prepared the house by opening all the windows and doors, covering up all the furniture, books, beds, etc., with newspapers or cloth, putting away clothes and so on, the Ambassador and I waited until the urgent warning sounded whereupon we went down to the dugout some 60 feet below the top of the hill on which the Ambassador's house stands. You will observe that we were leisurely in our movements, but there was no need to hurry. One has at least one hour between the first warning of the planes, having left the house, and the arrival of the first bombs over Chungking. When the urgent warning goes, everybody in Chungking has to take to the dugouts, except soldiers and passive defence employees.

What I called the Ambassador's dugout proved to be a rather superior place. One descended by steps down the hillside to a stone balcony from which one entered into the tunnel proper. The Ambassador had provided chairs on the balcony so that one could remain in the open until the last minute. The dugout or tunnel was lined with sweet smelling wood and had seats running the length of it, on which the occupants sat comfortably and in good humour, chatting away to each other. The mouth of the tunnel being in the face of a perpendicular rock with a very big drop beneath it, ensured that no bomb could go off outside the entrance. The balcony, of which I spoke just now, was itself protected by a massive piece of overhanging rock. The tunnel ran round in a semi-circle to a second entrance and the air inside was cool and sweet. In fact, coming out of the tunnel at the end of a raid was rather like stepping out of an air-conditioned room into the tropical heat.

Drawback of Raids

The chief drawback about these constant raids in Chungking is that they waste a great deal of time. It is disconcerting to spend, for instance, a morning inside a dug-out and to have to endeavour to make up arrears of work as best one can. It is bad enough when it happens occasionally, but disconcerting is a mild term when it happens constantly. Unlike London, Chungking is not large enough for people to stay put and take their chance of being hit. Sitting in the tunnel while the raid is going on, one listens to the roar of the enemy planes, the detonation of bombs. Bombs dropping close cause an unpleasant repercussion on the ear drums, so that people in tunnels are advised to put their fingers in their ears if the bomb is close at hand.

At the first warning of the siren, everybody collects together the things they wish to take with them into the tunnels, and then proceed in quite a leisurely manner towards the tunnels. Some of the tunnels can only be entered by tickel, and heavy night guards checking the people into the tunnels.

I went into several tunnels myself during this period to see how the people were settling down there. Although the disaster in one of the tunnels in which several thousand people lost their lives occurred only a short time previously, I found everybody perfectly happy and no signs of any fear of a re-occurrence of that disaster. The tunnels themselves are excellently constructed and the mouths are protected from blast by brick baffles. The tunnels are constructed with several entrances. They are generally curved and the portions in which the people sit are at right angles to the entrance tunnel. This is to avoid the blast of a bomb falling outside the entrance which the baffles would be insufficient to counter, were the bombs to fall really close. The people sit in rows on benches along the walls of the tunnel, which is divided by gates into sections so that the population cannot pass from

one section of the tunnel to another without going through the gates which are controlled by tunnel guards.

Experience in Tunnel

On this occasion, I spent the air raid in one of these public tunnels. I went in as far as I could and there found a recess in which I ensconced myself, in company with a general and some other big shots. Everybody was extremely patient and good-humoured, and at no time did I feel any fear of panic or disorder. The warden had a telephone and was in touch with A.R.P. Headquarters. The electric light system is cut off at the power station as soon as the urgent warning goes, and the tunnels are lighted by oil lamps augmented by electric hand torches. Outside, one could hear an occasional rifle shot. Soldiers fire at persons who are found wandering about after the urgent alarm has been given. They have never been known to hit anybody, because they do not actually aim at the person, but it has the effect of hastening laggards into dug-outs.

Passive Defence

It was explained to me that these passive defence workers are organized in little parties of about a dozen under their own leaders, throughout the city. They are supervised partly by the Police and partly by the A.R.P. When a raid takes place, they tackle any bombed building in their vicinity quietly, efficiently and expeditiously. The speed with which the city is cleared up after a raid is astonishing. It is the result of two years of bitter experience.

The Japanese had been making many attempts to force the British Embassy to transfer to the South bank of the Yangtze, which was considered to be a safe situation, much as though Hongkong were being bombed and Kowloon was not. Therefore Kowloon would be safe to reside in and Hongkong dangerous. Evidence to the contrary, however, even entailed considerable difficulties in maintaining contact with the Chungking Government, whose offices were all situated on the north bank, in Chungking. The Ambassador, therefore, considered it his duty to place himself where he would be in best communication with the Government to which he is accredited.

When I arrived in Chungking, I discovered most of the British Embassy literally buried under the rubble of a building of which the upper floor had disappeared, while the rest of the building was still standing. The morning that I left, the rest of the building had been destroyed, and I should like to say a few words about the Police Training Academy in Chungking, where 1,200 Police officers are trained for the Police service of the whole of China. The President of the Academy is Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. This Academy, together with two other political Police Training Academies, is under the direct control of General Dai Li, who is the head of all the Police in China including the political Police.

Although the Academy was transferred from Nanking at the fall of that city into the hands of the Japanese, it is already well established in Chungking. It has suffered, like all other public institutions in Chungking, from Japanese bombing, but the training of Police cadets continues effectively in spite of bombing.

Very Up-to-Date.

The size of the grounds of the Academy and the excellent layout of the buildings, together with the diversity of subjects taught, came as a surprise to me. It is the most up-to-date Police training school that I have yet visited anywhere. Not only do they train Police officers there, but they also train Police dogs and Police carrier pigeons. Besides the ordinary class rooms, assembly hall, parade grounds and recreation rooms, I found there an excellent Police Museum and scientific laboratories. All the latest technical aids to crime investigation are taught there, and all the latest scientific instruments are represented and used for demonstration and instructional purposes.

Four unused blue twopenny stamps of 1940 of Great Britain have been sold at a London auction for £60.



MICHAEL A MARSHAL—The first picture of King Michael of Rumania to have come from that country for a long time. It shows Michael, who is a prisoner in his own land, at a ceremony in Bucharest when he was given the rank of "Marshal of Rumania." Patriarch Nicodem and Queen Helena are standing behind.

New Nazi Battleship In Service

Berlin, Aug. 18.—The 35,000-ton battle-cruiser Tirpitz, newly-completed sister ship of the Bismarck, which was sunk on May 17 by British warships, has already left its base and is operating against British shipping on the high seas, military sources said. The disclosure came following prominent display of a picture of a German naval craft under the caption: "Germany's latest 35,000-ton warship." Though the vessel was unnamed, the picture is believed to represent the Tirpitz. —Domet.

Bigger Than Tirpitz?

New York, Aug. 18.—The Associated Press report from Berlin, quoting informed foreign sources in Berlin, surmises that the new German battleship pictured in the Voelkischer Beobachter to-day is not the 35,000-ton Tirpitz, sister ship of the Bismarck, but may be the 40,000-ton battleship laid down in April, 1939. —Domet.

Enemy Shipping Losses

London, Aug. 19.—It has been officially revealed in London that the total enemy tonnage lost (captured, sunk and scuttled) up to August 16 was 4,007,000 tons. This comprised 2,321,000 tons German shipping, 1,533,000 tons Italian shipping, 34,000 tons Finnish shipping and 116,000 tons of shipping useful to the enemy.

Of the total 790,000 tons were sunk since June 10. These figures include 51 ships of an estimated tonnage of 200,000 claimed sunk by the Russians. —British Wireless.

To Consider Income Tax

The following official communiqué to the Press was issued yesterday: His Excellency the Governor has appointed a Committee to advise on the practicability of replacing the existing system of War Taxation by an Income Tax and, if so, on the measures necessary to this end; and alternatively, to advise on any revisions of the existing War Revenue legislation which may be considered necessary to ensure that higher incomes bear their full share of the burden of War Taxation.

The Committee consists of the following members: The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Chairman); the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, the Hon. Sir Vandevelde Grayburn, K.C., the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloes, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-tong, the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. R. Robertson, Messrs. E. M. Bryden, L. Kadoorie, Kwok Chan, T. Black, A. G. Clarke, and C. van Langenberg; with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Leaves Police To Join R.A.F.

A. H. Tilton, deputy in charge of the Criminal Branch of the Western District Police, will leave Shanghai shortly in order to join the Royal Air Force. Prior to his transfer to the Western District Police, Mr. Tilton was a detective-inspector of the Shanghai Municipal Police. He went to Shanghai in 1927 at the time of the Nationalist Revolution, joined the Criminal Branch and has been connected with that department for the past fourteen years. He is a native of Portsmouth, England, where he received his early training. He has had previous experience as an air pilot.

Colony Rice Prices

New Territories Crop

The following are the minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the Equitable Rice Sales Fund Committee, held at Medical Headquarters on Monday. Present were the Rev. W. H. Alton, Mr. E. L. Curtis, Mr. C. N. Li, Mr. C. C. Liao, Mr. Tsoi Po-in, Mr. Wong Quincy, and the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, in the Chair.

The minutes of the fourteenth meeting, held on August 11, which had been circulated, were taken as read and were approved and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that work had commenced on the construction of the kitchen for the sale of cooked rice in the basement of Wanchai Market.

Mr. C. N. Li reported that 120.49 piculs of vegetables had been purchased during the week ending August 15 at a cost of \$78.12. In the same period 113.21 piculs had been sold at \$75.02. 4.09 piculs had been sold at \$31.36 had been discarded, and vegetables to the value of \$35.53 had been carried over to the current week.

Paddy from New Territories. Mr. Tsoi Po-in provided the following information relating to paddy from certain districts of the New Territories: (a) The first and second crops each produced about 20,000 piculs.

(b) For every picul of paddy milled 66 per cent of white rice could be obtained, 22 per cent of husk valued, at present, at \$2 per picul, 2 per cent of coarse polishing valued at \$4 per picul, 7 per cent of fine polishing valued at \$7 per picul, and 3 per cent wastage.

(c) The charge for husking and milling was 30 cents per picul for small quantities, 95 per cent of the original weight (including white rice, husk and polishing) being returned to the owner, and 32 cents per picul for larger quantities, the whole weight being returned to the owner.

(d) Six mills were available in the New Territories—apart from those in the urban area—and could husk 1,000 piculs of paddy per day. One mill could convert about 200 piculs of paddy into cargo rice and about 150 piculs of cargo rice to polished white rice in a day, working at the rate of 15 piculs per hour.

This is the third former pupil of the Central British School who has given his life in the present war; in addition, one is missing and another is a prisoner of war.

The late Pilot Officer Evans leaves a father and mother and a younger brother, who are at present in England, and an elder brother, Mr. Charles Evans, who is working for Boyd and Co., Ltd. at Foochow.

The father of the deceased pilot was an employee of H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong, and left for England accompanied by his wife and three sons in 1928.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Hongkong Government announced yesterday evening that a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been received to the effect that it is the desire of His Majesty the King that Sunday, September 7 being the first Sunday following the second anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed as a National Day of Prayer.

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Air Mail by Pan American Airways Direct Service—San Francisco date 21st August, Aug. 28.
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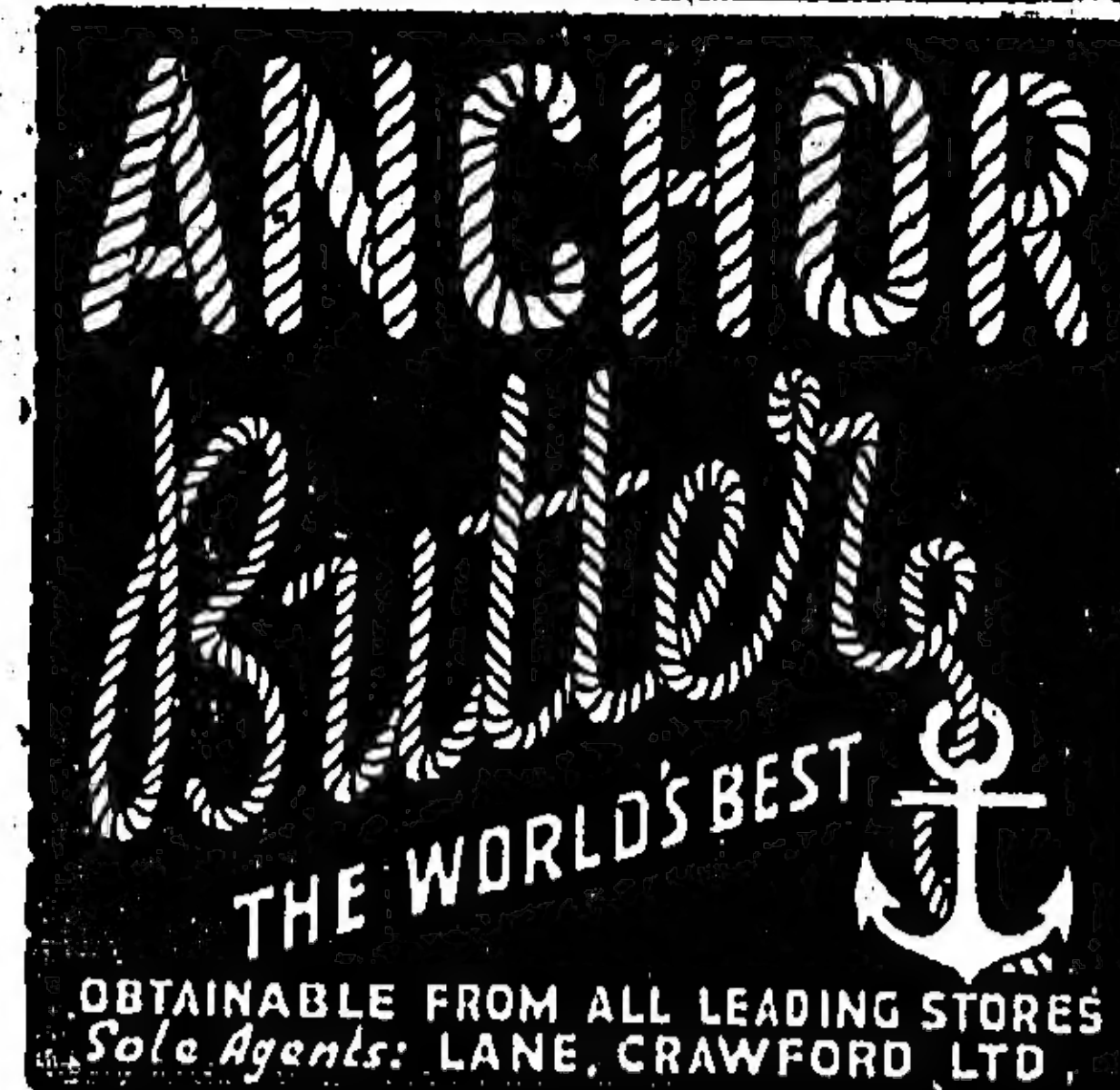
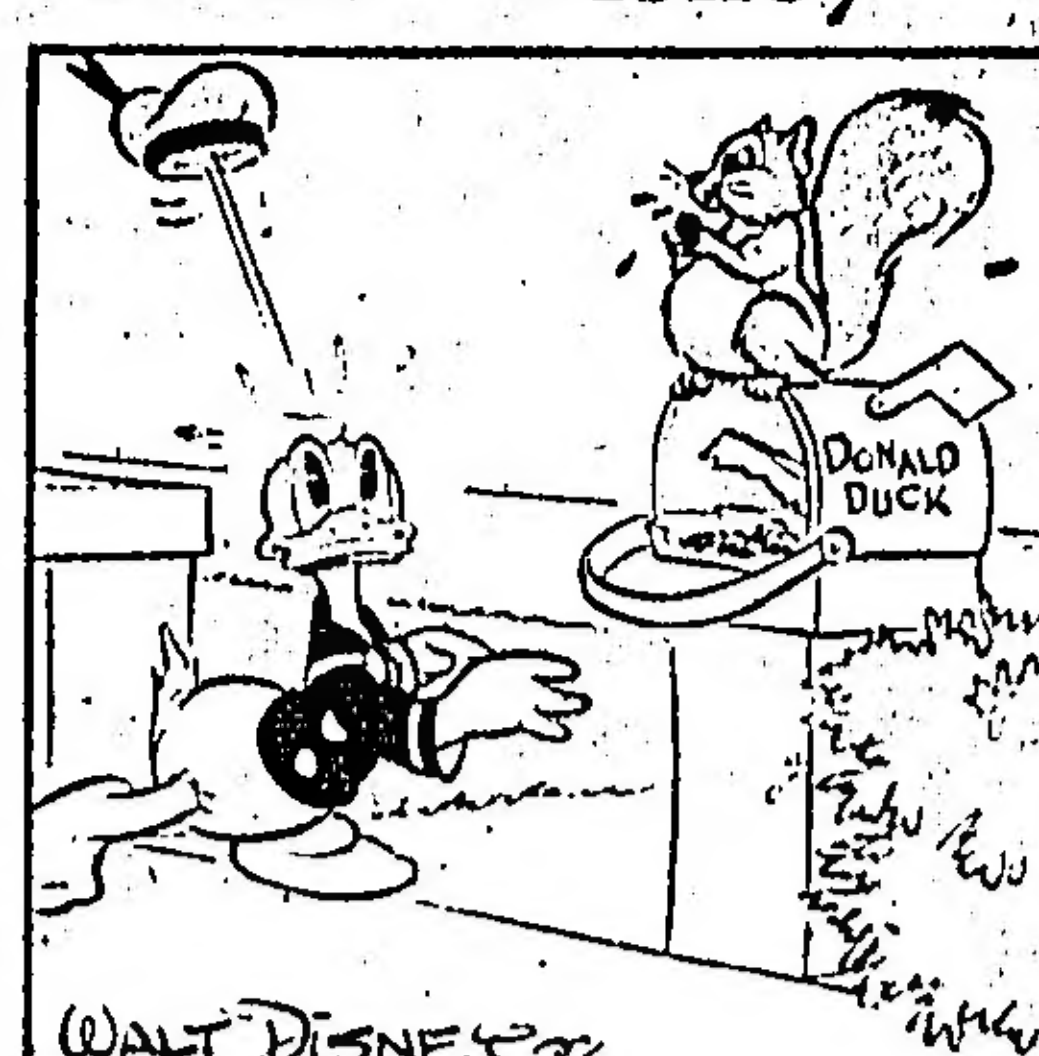
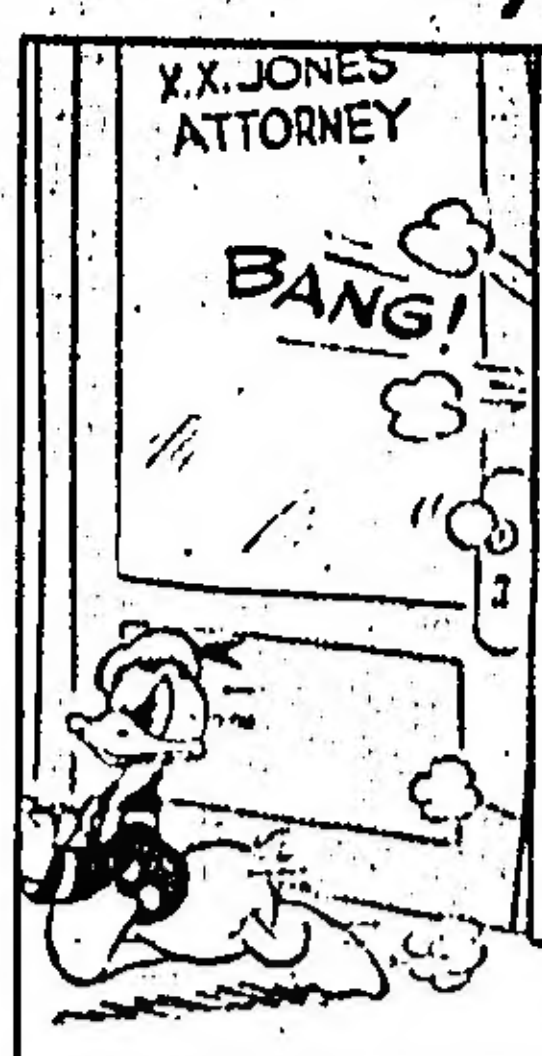
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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play AND How to Win
By JOSEPHINE GILBERTSON

Double Jeopardy

THE taking of legitimate risks is as necessary in bridge as in life itself. Due stress, however, must be laid on that word "legitimate." Presently, it is absurd to put oneself into double jeopardy when only one hurdle must be cleared in order to achieve success. Note to-day's deal.

Rubber bridge.
Both sides vulnerable.
South dealer.

642
983
A75
A732
KJ9
Q54
Q64
QJ106
N
W
E
S
A873
AKJ107
QJ2
8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1NT Pass
2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

South's sequence of bids constituted a "reverse," i.e., by bidding hearts first and then spades, he asked for a preference that might have to come at the three level and this in itself announced a very strong hand. As a matter of fact, it would have been more accurate, and perhaps more accurate, to start with one spade and then to bid hearts, thus allowing North to make his choice of suits at the two level.

West opened the club queen. Dummy's ace won and at the second trick declarer took a heart finesse. This lost and from that point on there was no hope of success. On a club return declarer was reduced to three trumps. By the time he had eventually established his long spade, he had no protection against the club suit.

This hand is an ideal study of the comparative advantages in finesses. Declarer was far too quick with his heart finesse. There were other

situations that urgently demanded testing before trumps were even touched. Obviously, at least two spade tricks would have to be conceded and there was also the matter of a diamond finesse.

The logical plan was to win with the club ace and immediately to pass a spade. West would win and continue with clubs. Declarer would ruff and lay down the ace and another spade, the fortunate break establishing his long card. Another club ruff would reduce the closed hand to three trumps, but this would be unimportant if declarer played properly. At this point the diamond finesse would be in order. If it succeeded, declarer would not need the heart finesse, because he could lay down the ace and king of hearts, leaving the queen at large, then cash his last spade and discard dummy's losing diamond. Actually, as will be seen, the favorable position of the diamond king would have made this plan a sure winner. It is equally worthy of note that if the diamond finesse had been offside, a successful heart finesse would have been valueless inasmuch as declarer would have been so ruffed down by club leads from the enemy that he would never be able to cash his fourth spade.

To-morrow's Hand
South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

AK5
AK87
QKJ87
64
N
W
E
S
AJ763
KJ1042
Q3
Q8

How should South play his five club contract? Opening lead diamond king.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1-Machine for removing center
6-South American mountains
11-Turn
12-Calm
14-Toward sky
15-Integrity
17-Printer's measure
18-Prefat not
19-Abolitionist-ruler
21-Favorite
22-Wagon
23-Lucky pinnacles
25-Worry (col.)
26-Tapestry
27-Remover
28-River in China
31-Those in power
32-Holy noise
33-Machine
35-Bale deer
36-Examine
41-Deposit of smoke
42-In addition
43-Rectangular inset
45-Direct eye
46-Silas
47-Part of former Czechoslovakia
48-Sawyer's degree
49-Accessory

DOWN
1-Reproduced
2-Birth who has
3-Cheer, syllable
4-English school
5-Island state
6-Conviction of
7-Terminal
8-From finally
9-Exhibition
10-Spinach
11-Cuban dance
12-Inter self
13-One in charge of domestic affairs
14-Great emotion
15-Kind of train
16-Canine teeth
17-Timely
18-Juan (Scottish)
19-Annet
20-Artistic health
21-Talent
22-Football team
23-Flowers
24-Intend (Scottish)
25-Dirt's name
26-Coco cake
27-Beatitude
28-Fingerless glove
29-Consumed
30-Excitement
31-Thoroughfare rabbit

Training U-Boat Crews Is Problem for Nazis

By A Naval Correspondent

The German Navy started this war better equipped in one respect than was the Kaiser's Navy. It had a fully organized submarine instruction school prepared for rapid expansion. The German Admiralty had learned by the bitter experience of 1917 and 1918 how heavy the casualties in submarine war could be, and how essential it was to build up a big reserve of trained or partly trained personnel ready to commission new boats as they were delivered from the builders, since there would be few survivors of the destroyed craft available for further service.

Nearly a third of the men entered for U-boat service in the last war were casualties. The actual figures, according to Admiral Michelsen, who was Senior Officer of Submarines, were—

Entered for service 17,841
Afloat at the height of the campaign 5,467
Killed during the war 5,132

The total number of men "lost" to the service was, however, larger, since there were 792 prisoners of war and men interned in neutral countries.

SUBMARINE SCHOOL

As the personnel of the Submarine Division in August, 1914, amounted to no more than 1,400, including shore staff and instructors, it would seem that the submarine school's output of trained (or, more accurately, semi-trained) men in the fifty-one months of war was more than 16,000 officers and men.

This is a very remarkable feat, but in actual fact, as the German official history quite casually notes, about 20 per cent. of the crews sent afloat had received no special training. They had to pick up what knowledge they could while the boat was running her trials and doing her "shake-down" cruise. This factor must have played a part in the increase in the average sinkings of U-boats, which was 1.59 per month in 1915 and 6.4 per month in 1918.

TRAINING OF OFFICERS

The training of the officers was far below the standard that the British Navy required for the submarine service. No more than three months' instruction at the submarine school was given to commanding officers and senior engineers, and four weeks was all the instruction given to a watch-keeping officer—though it was apparently the rule that all submarine officers must already have passed the long torpedo-course. The training of the petty officers and men,

both in the deck and engineer branches, was limited to three months.

The result was that in twenty-seven months the submarine school passed as "trained" 27 commanding officers, 55 watch-keepers, and 58 engineers every three months, thus providing the officer-personnel for the commissioning of nine new boats a month. That was the rate at which the building yards were delivering new boats in 1916, but in the next two years the output fell off, and only seven boats a month came into service.

OUT OF THE LINE

This intensive effort in training had its effect on the number of boats on active service. Admiral Michelsen records that in 1918 there were no fewer than fifty boats attached to the submarine school for instructional purposes. Twenty of these were newly delivered and may have been running trials as well as serving the school, but that still leaves thirty boats withdrawn from the fighting.

All these facts are worth bearing in mind when we are considering the present position in the Battle of the Atlantic. We sometimes forget, in face of our own difficulties, that the enemy, too, has his problems.

There is no doubt whatever that the losses in personnel of the German submarine service in the opening weeks of this war were a terrible shock to the Berlin Admiralty. At a moderate computation, no fewer than 3,000 officers and men were lost before this war was six months old. These were all highly trained men, those who had been secretly prepared before Hitler admitted that he was building new submarines.

They were the men who were to form the "core" of the submarine service as new boats came forward; who were to provide the skilled minority among the part-trained in each crew.

SINKING LOSSES

There can be little doubt that the long period of quiescence in the U-boat war in the Atlantic last year—when the British losses fell as low as 27,000 tons in a month—was enforced on the Germans by the losses of these skilled men quite as much as by shortage of new boats to replace the sinkings.

Indeed, we may fairly assume, on the experience of 1917, that new deliveries in the winter and spring of 1939-40 were diverted to the submarine school as training boats in order that the numbers of trained or semi-trained men might be restored as speedily as possible. Even the survivors of that first sea "blitz" must have been needed ashore as instructors.

RAEDER'S WORRY

It is too early to say whether or not the present day U-boats' crews show signs of inexperience and of the incompetence due to under-training. We should have to know much more than is at present public knowledge about the circumstances of recent sinkings of enemy craft and also of the circumstances in which attacks on our merchant shipping have been defeated before attempting any estimate of the quality of the men now carrying on the submarine commerce-destruction campaign.

But, basing ourselves only on the known facts about the last submarine war, we may fairly deduce that Admiral Raeder is having quite as much worry about the Nazi submarine service as his predecessor had, and that there is still at least one-fifth of the personnel afloat that is "picking up the job" while actually under fire.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



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Sergo Koussevitzky and The Boston Symphony Orchestra Narrator: Richard Hale.
2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
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7.22 Albert Sandler (Violin) and His Orchestra.
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8.00 London Relay—The News.
8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post".
Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 Programme Summary.
8.32 A Light Irish Programme.
An Irish Symphony: Kathleen Mavourneen; Londonderry Air; A Little Irish Dash Of Dublin; Rakes Of Clonmel; When Paddy McGinty Plays The Harp; Mason's Apron; What'll I Do If I Marry A Soldier.
9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 New Variety and Dance Music.
9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).
9.45 Strauss—Till's Merry Franks.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Fritz Busch.
10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 Studio—Our Letter From Free China.
10.30 Delius—Sonata No. 2 and "In A Summer Garden."
Sonata No. 2...Lionel Tertis (Viola) and George Reeves (Piano); In A Summer Garden...The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.
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Discussion by Sir Frederick Whyte and Bernard Darwin.
11.15 Close Down.

"V" Signal

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DIG FOR VICTORY

IN Britain they have been, and increasingly are, digging for victory. There is no obvious reason why Hongkong should not follow suit, especially in view of the reiterated hints from official and unofficial quarters that one of the main problems in the event of an emergency will be to keep Hongkong fed. The Colony can perform a considerable amount of self-help in this respect.

Without doubt there are hundreds of detached and semi-detached houses both on the island and mainland which at the present moment are yielding little-but-flowers-and-plots-of-green lawn—some neat and becoming, others wholly unkempt and untidy. These could, and should, be put to better use; there is tremendous utility value in such ground; it could grow enough vegetables for most of the year to keep the tenants independent of imported produce.

And should there be any doubt as to what the Colony's soil (properly fertilised, of course) can produce, the imposing list is herewith produced: asparagus, dwarf and climbing beans, beet, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, endive, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, onion, parsley, parsnip, peas, radish, rhubarb, spinach, sprouting broccoli, sweet corn, tomato, and turnip. Further immediate encouragement for growing home-produce in this time of vital necessity is provided by the knowledge that August is the best month for sowing both dwarf and climbing beans, cauliflower, celery, leeks, radish, sprouting broccoli and tomato, while next month is also an excellent time for growing the above mentioned vegetables, plus beet, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsley, parsnip, peas, and turnip.

Garden soil in many parts of the Colony is not naturally endowed with richness necessary for producing crops, but fertilisation is cheap, and supplies are plentiful. Every encouragement officially should be given to garden owners to develop their land to the most fruitful advantage;

GUARDING ICELAND AGAINST THE NAZIS

Now that the United States has sent an occupation force to Iceland, it would seem to be mandatory that sufficient naval units be maintained there to guard against the possibility of a German naval raid.

Germany has one battleship, the Tirpitz. The battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and one heavy cruiser, believed to be the Prinz Eugen, are at Brest, France, under repairs received in bombings by the RAF. They might be available at any time.

For raids in the Atlantic, Germany also has two pocket battleships, four 10,000-ton heavy cruisers with eight-inch guns and 10 smaller six-inch gun cruisers.

This sizable fleet, in case it should decide to raid Iceland accompanied by a large air force, must be reckoned

By Rear Admiral YATES STIRLING

United Press Naval Critic

with seriously by the United States Navy. A naval force in Iceland adequate to meet such an emergency must consist of at least five battleships, 15 or 20 cruisers, several aircraft carriers, from 30 to 50 destroyers, and a substantially large land-based air force.

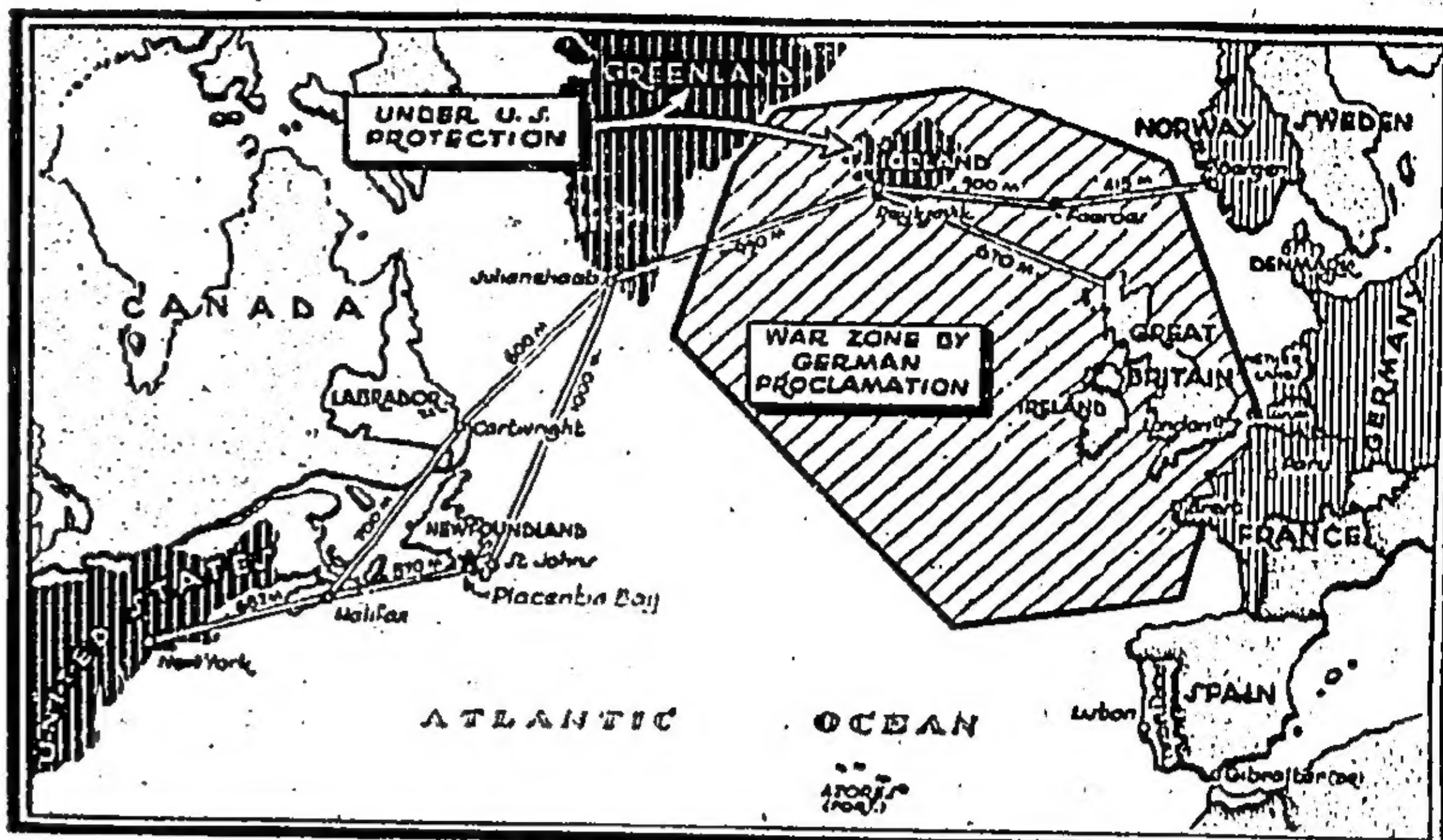
The United States fleet in Iceland must be large enough to meet in an open fight any German raid from Europe, for it must be remembered that an inferior fleet, like the second best hand at poker, will lose heavily in a battle on the sea. America cannot afford to risk a defeat in which a majority of its warships would be lost, and that is the fate of an inferior fleet.

In addition to surface warships in Iceland, the United States should maintain a full-sized flotilla of its best submarines. These will be urgently needed by the surface fleet in any battle with the German navy, which navy would be supported by a number of its long-range submarines.

Thus it is evident that the taking over of Iceland by the United States has involved the country in a major naval effort. The nation should be cautioned against a policy of too few and too late naval preparations to hold the island. That it will lead to a shooting war with Germany will depend upon what Hitler decides to do to make that occupancy dangerous or even untenable. The United States must count upon Hitler using the greatest effort to dislodge and defeat the American Navy to bolster German morale. America must be prepared with competent naval forces to check Hitler whenever he strikes.

Inexpensive handbooks on the best methods of growing vegetables might be issued by the Botanical and Forestry Department and made available to members of the public who are ignorant of gardening and who do not employ professional gardeners.

For a not inconsiderable proportion of Hongkong's population to make itself self-supporting with home-grown vegetables would be a real ostrich feather to put in our caps!



The ostensible reason for occupying Iceland, apart from relieving British troops there and guarding the northern supply route to Britain, is to safeguard it from German seizure. The United States could not afford to overlook the strategic value to Germany if that nation seized it and made out of it a formidable base for submarines and aeroplanes. Whereas United States warships based in America would have required from 140 to 185 hours to reach Iceland, German naval units could have made the trip from Norway in from 30 to 40 hours.

It is not at all a new idea that

WORLD'S OLDEST REPUBLIC

By MERRIMAN SMITH

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Iceland is the world's oldest republic. The island, built almost entirely on volcanic rocks, was first colonised by Norsemen. Its government was an independent republic from 930 to 1263, when it joined Norway. Both countries came under Danish rule in 1811.

When Norway separated from Denmark in 1814, Iceland remained under Denmark. Iceland gained recognition as a sovereign state in 1918, although the Danish king also was its monarch. After Denmark was occupied by Germany the Icelandic Parliament met on May 16, 1941, and dissolved the union with Denmark.

The country covers an area of about 40,000 square miles; not more than one-fourth the area is habitable. The population is almost entirely of pure Scandinavian stock. The people of Iceland are principally farmers and fishermen. Fish and fish products constitute about 85 percent of all exports. The short Arctic summers limit agriculture to crops of hay and potatoes. Because of large areas of grasslands, however, sheep raising is an important activity.

The weather in Iceland is moderate because the huge island lies in the gulf stream.

The principal harbour is at the capital, Reykjavik, which has a population of 36,100. Reykjavik is on the west coast of Iceland, hence its harbour is not materially affected by the floating ice and remains open most of the year.

The country is about the size of the state of Kentucky and is an island of rugged mountains and lava fields, and even glaciers in the northern portions. High plateau slope from the mountains to the lowlands along the coasts.

Iceland has a potential waterpower of 2,500,000 horsepower, but as yet this power has not been harnessed. Thermal springs abound throughout the island, serving to heat many of the buildings in the capital.

The United States has always been a good customer of Iceland, buying large quantities of cod liver oil. American trade with Iceland before the current war was largely by trans-shipment to Hamburg and Copenhagen, but in November, 1939, direct shipping connections were established.

Principal exports of the country besides fish and mutton are wool, sheepskins, horses and elderdown. Iceland's export trade in 1939 amounted to \$12,294,000, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Imports for the same year were \$10,879,000.



AMERICANS TAKE OVER—Uncle Sam's Marines have landed in Iceland for duration of war, to forestall German occupation of island and to assure delivery of American munitions to Britain. British formerly occupied island; as shown by these troops erecting gun emplacements at strategic points. Island is 2,540 miles from New York; 2,700 from Berlin.

MORE COLOURFUL DETAILS OF HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Bit by bit, the story of Mr Churchill's tour is being pieced together. The Prime Minister joined the train for the departure port somewhere between London and the train's destination and with him were the Chiefs of the Imperial General Staff, the Naval General Staff and Air Force as well as Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office.

The party was deposited at a northern port and embarked on a destroyer, the personnel of which, till that moment, had no idea of the party to be conveyed.

Soon the Prime Minister and his Chiefs were transferred to the Prince of Wales on board which there was some astonishment. Even the officers in the Prince of Wales, apart from the Captain, were not aware of the journey on which they were about to embark. They knew, however, that they were taking distinguished passengers and had even organised a sweepstake as to their destination.

Of many guesses made, two officers hit upon the right answer. One predicted that they were taking the Prime Minister to meet President Roosevelt; and the other that they were taking Mr Harry Hopkins—who was already in the Prince of Wales—across the Atlantic. Both being right, they shared a "bumper kitty."

Rough Seas

The weather at the start of the voyage was bad but Mr Churchill was in fine fettle and appeared to enjoy the rough seas. In such a vast ship, it would take a long time to send a messenger from one part to another and to facilitate communication, microphones were installed. When Mr Churchill called for the detective (Inspector Thomson) his voice could be heard booming through the ship.

After dinner several films were shown including "Lady Hamilton," which Mr Churchill saw for the fourth time. When the picture ended, Mr Churchill turned to the officers and, referring to the Battle of Trafalgar, said: "I thought that it would interest you gentlemen, some of whom have so recently been under fire of the enemy in a matter of equal historic importance."

The Prince of Wales, it will be recalled, took part in the chase of the Bismarck.

Aboard Augusta

When the renouveau was reached, Mr Churchill went aboard the American cruiser Augusta and came face to face with President Roosevelt. He handed the President a letter from the King—then they quickly settled down to business. Nevertheless the President found time during the day to send over a present to every man in the Prince of Wales of a carton containing 20 cigarettes, an apple, an orange, a banana and half a pound of cheese—a thought which was tremendously appreciated on board the British ship.

For the greater part of the time, the President and Mr Churchill were alone and in the meantime conferences were on between the heads of the services, sometimes in the American ship and sometimes in the Prince of Wales.

President At Service

The only time that President Roosevelt went aboard the Prince of Wales was on Sunday when he attended Divine Service and lunched with the Prime Minister.

There was not a single untoward incident during the outward journey, and there was no sign whatever of enemy craft of any kind.

Icelanders' Impression

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr Winston Churchill's successful visit to Iceland is the subject of many leading articles in the Reykjavik press. One daily newspaper says that it was most appropriate that the smallest democratic nation in the world should be the first visited by the British Prime Minister after his historic conference with President Roosevelt.

The Reykjavik correspondent of the Norwegian telegraph agency says that no foreign statesman visiting Iceland had ever been so enthusiastically welcomed. Mr Churchill won all hearts.

During a military parade, a detachment from the Norwegian forces, although numerically small, attracted great attention owing to their erect bearing and hard appearance. Norwegian forces in Iceland

Smuts Back From East Happy Impressions

PRETORIA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—"On the whole I bring back a happy impression both of our men and the general situation, but always with this strong feeling—that we are up against it this time," declared Marshal Smuts when interviewed on his return from Egypt.

He said that the Germans in Libya were much more formidable than the Italians had been, but he was optimistic. Italy was full of Germans who had the advantage of being able to travel shorter distances to the Libyan front, but he expected that these difficulties would be overcome by the Allies.

Using Up Machine

Russian resistance was using up a large part of the German war machine but some of this machine would remain.

Marshal Smuts said that if the Germans had failed to invade Britain a year ago when Britain was weak, there was little likelihood of a successful attack on Britain now. The chances were that the Germans would strike at the Mediterranean basin—the only area in which they could fight.

"We are facing not Italy this time, but more formidable odds," said the Marshal. "The Germans have enormous resources to bring against us." He added that he had never seen the South Africans in a better mood. They were among the best-trained troops in the Middle East and the South African Air Force had built up an unequalled reputation.

Co-operation Of Indians

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, made the following statement regarding the recent invitation to Indian Provincial Premiers to join India's newly-constituted National Defence Council:

NAZIS' CHEAP CAR DISPLAYED

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The "volkswagen"—people's car for which millions of Germans paid but never received—appeared in Cairo streets today flying the Union Jack above the Swastika.

The car was captured in Libya by the Indian cavalry. It was fitted out as a repair vehicle. It seats three and the engine develops nine horsepower. From its construction, it is obvious that it was never intended for civilian use.

Gallantry In Mid. East

Decorations Awarded

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Nearly 80 officers and men are named in to-night's London Gazette for gallant and distinguished service in the Middle East.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) James Joseph Kingsdown, late of the cavalry, who already holds the D.S.O. and M.C., receives a bar to the D.S.O.

Colonel Kingsdown was in 1932 appointed to command the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers when he was only 38—an exceptionally early age for an officer to command a regiment in peacetime.

The D.S.O. is awarded to Captain (temporary Major) Robert Archibald Eden, the Royal Horse Artillery; Captain (acting Major) Robert Brian James, of the Essex Regiment; and Major (acting Lieutenant-Colonel) Frederick Arthur Montague Bertram Jenkins, M.C., of the 2nd Punjab Regiment of the Indian Army.

The Military Cross is awarded to 23 officers including two of the Indian Army and six of the Australian military forces.

The list also includes the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sergeant Richard Samuel Head, R. A. (South Shields), Sergeant George Cairns Whigham, of the Rifle Brigade, the Prince Consort's Own (Malden), and two Australian Sergeants.

Four Indians receive the Indian Order of Merit (2nd Class), 30 military medals and ten Indian Distinguished Service medals are also awarded.

Captain (acting Major) R. E. James (Essex Regiment) and Major (acting Lt-Col) F. A. M. Jenkins (2nd Punjab Regt) are mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East.

Darlan Back In Vichy

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Vichy Deputy-Prime Minister, Admiral Darlan, has returned to Vichy from Paris, where he had a series of conversations with the occupation authorities, says a Vichy dispatch to the German official news agency.

ENEMY SHIPPING LOSSES

Further Facts Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—According to an Admiralty announcement, German shipping losses between July 9 and August 16 totalled 616,000 tons, the highest figures yet reported. It is authoritatively estimated that the German tonnage captured, scuttled or sunk during the war up to August 16 was 4,700,000 tons. This includes 51 ships estimated at 200,000 tons which the Russians claim they have sunk.

Of the total, German tonnage was 2,321,000; Italian 1,533,000; Finnish 34,000, and "useful" to the enemy, 19,000 tons.

Waller In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—While Dr Hsu Mo, the Chinese Minister to Australia, has left Chungking for Canberra, it is learned that Mr J. K. Waller, First Secretary of the Australian Legation, has arrived in Chungking.



IT'S MOVING DAY—This is how you move when there's no gas to be had for automobiles. Scene is in Stockholm, Sweden, as public porter pumps his tricycle substitute for his truck that has been laid up in storage many months.

GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED RUSSIA

ZURICH, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Despite the millions of men involved, it is remarkable how few signs of fighting are visible from the air except at isolated points, writes the "Berliner Neuzuercher Zeitung," describing a flight to Smolensk.

This is apparently due to the loose nature of the fighting over a vastly extended front thousands of kilometres long and hundreds of kilometres deep. Many villages are completely destroyed, yet others outside the zone of fighting are untouched.

The double battle of Bialystok and Minsk has left very small visible trace as the war material the Russians are reported to have left behind is "probably either already largely removed or largely hidden in the forests."

The correspondent saw few traces of Soviet fortifications. He concluded: "The Russians intentionally based their defence on the fire of automatic weapons disposed at great depth, hidden in the forests, and well-aimed artillery equipped with many heavy guns."

"The Red Army also probably regarded the tank and infantry counter-attack as one of the chief methods of defence."

Harvest Time
Where destruction is visible, for instance at Smolensk, it is terrible. Where villages are not destroyed, the Germans have ordered collective farms to continue harvesting.

In other parts, harvesting is impossible as the returning population find the towns and farms burnt out. They cannot replace lost agricultural implements and so face starvation.

In order to tackle the supply problem, the Germans have shown astonishing speed in converting one track and double track railways to the normal gauge. Alternatively, they use motor transport and transport planes.

Quartering Soldiers
Quartering the soldiers presents a harder problem. Many German soldiers say that they have been sleeping in tents for weeks. With the possible start of the cool weather in the northern and central sectors of the front in September, the Germans will have the task of providing quarters for whole armies in the continually advancing front and sectors.

"With the continuing penetration into Russia, the advance season and the solution of technical problems, apart from actual fighting, will more and more determine the outlook of the war," says the correspondent.

NEW YORK'S DOCK FIRE

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The latest known casualty list in last night's dock fire is seven dead, 55 in hospital and about 40 missing, including longshoremen, some of whom were working in the hold of the Panuco. If they have escaped they have failed to report themselves; they may have been burnt to death.

The damage is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Exchange Of Prisoners

Vichy Officers Released

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Fifteen of the Vichy officers detained in Jerusalem have been released and have returned to Syria, where they are awaiting repatriation.

They are all of very junior rank. Their release follows the return from France of a party of 51 British officers and other ranks.

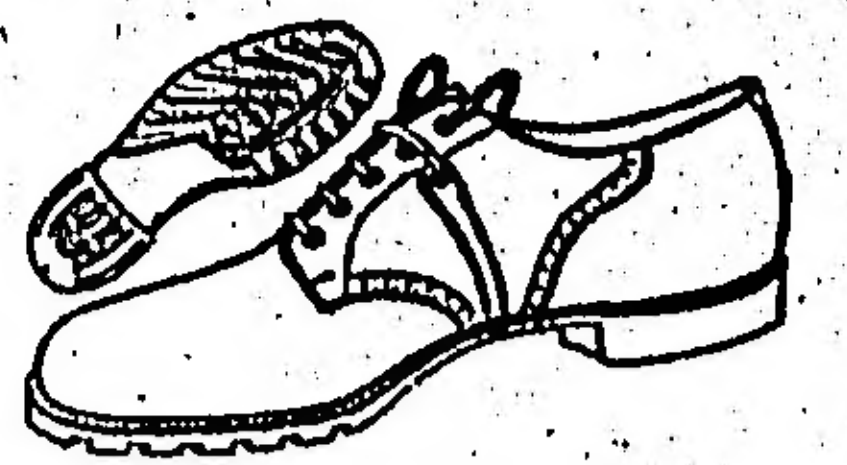
It is understood that General Dentz and senior officers with him will be held until all British officers captured in Syria and taken to France are released.

Sir Arthur Blackburn

Sir Arthur Blackburn, Counselor to the British Embassy at Chungking

is still in the Queen Mary Hospital, where he is recuperating from the effects of injuries received during one of the mass air raids on Chungking some weeks ago. His condition is much better, it was learned this morning, and is making satisfactory progress.

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Japanese Ships Going On Full Wartime Footing

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 19 (Domel).—Japan's shipping industry will be placed on a complete wartime footing as a result of enforcement of the shipping control plan which was formally approved by the Government at the Cabinet meeting this morning.

The plan, which was originally drafted by the Ministry of Communications, will be referred to the General Mobilisation Inquiry Commission before being legalised.

The principal points of the plan, which aims at placing shipping under exclusive State control, include firstly, authorisation for the Government to requisition vessels; secondly, the Government to execute supervision over transportation schedules as well as the bottoms allotment programmes, through a special judicial person to be appointed for the purpose; thirdly, the Government to be authorised to mobilise crews, who, however, will be permitted to continue their employment contracts with their employers; fourthly, compensation for ship owners for losses resulting from State control of shipping; and, fifthly, the Government to be authorised to control the shipbuilding industry.

Judge Hosokawa went to Washington and offered his old friend President Roosevelt his services in any capacity while the Court is in recess.

Britain's Allies In United States

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—A call to abandon the "Defend America" and "Aid Britain" slogans and adopt a policy of full participation with Britain to defeat Nazism was recently cabled from London to New York by Mr Ewart Scudder, liaison officer of the Committee to Defend America.

The National Director of the Committee replied: "Our programme urges full participation to win the war and organise peace. We will only have the right to a vigorous voice in the establishment of world justice if we are willing to make a contribution, whatever the sacrifices, to winning the war."

Mr Scudder declares that the Committee reaches 15,000,000 Americans and has never been so full of life.

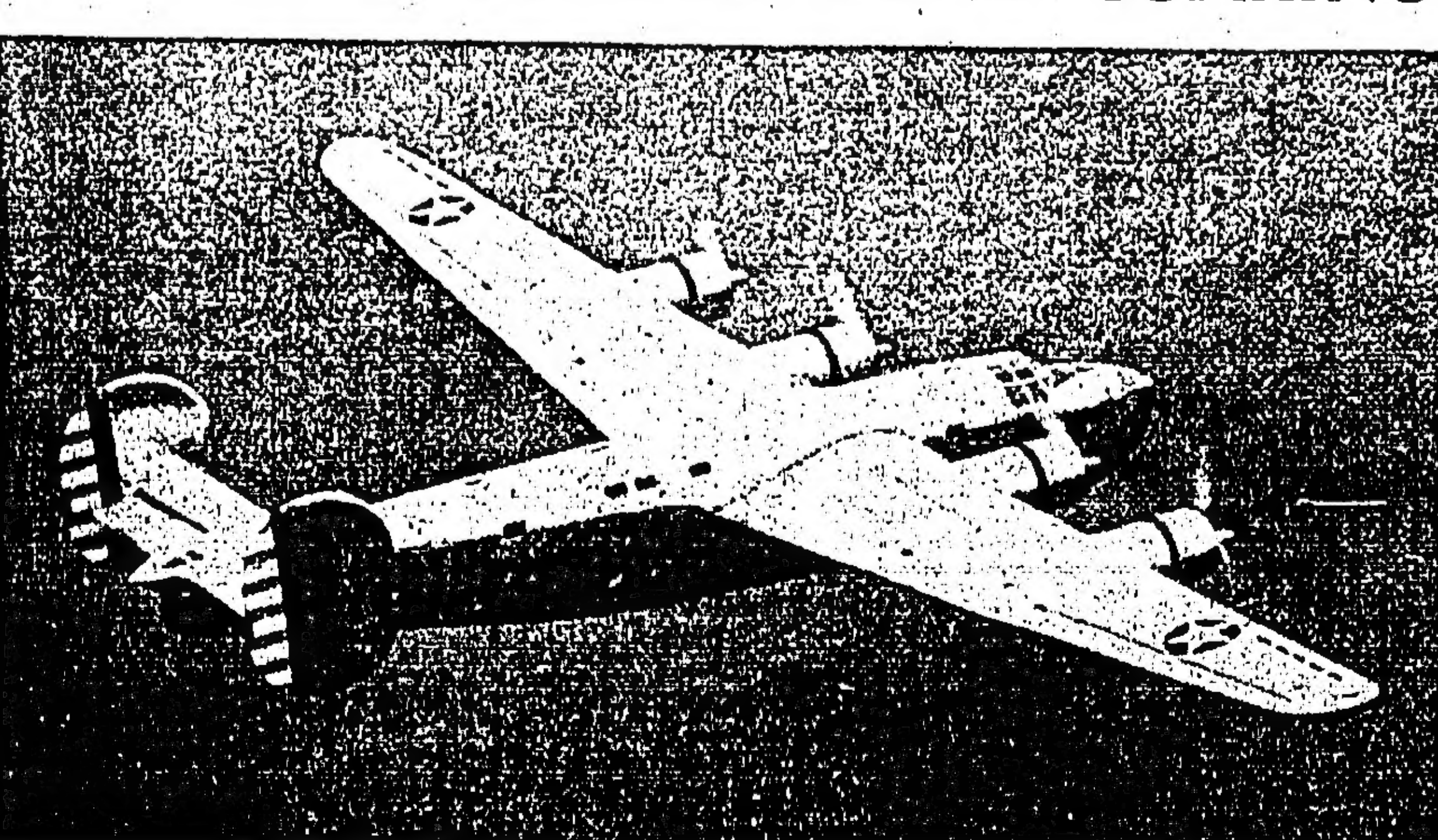
Rubber Quota

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Regulation Committee has fixed the permissible export quota for the fourth quarter of this year under the regulation scheme at 120 per cent of the standard tonnage.

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Around The Courses

Eyes Have It In Golf

Swimming

Headquarters "B" Win R. Scots' Annual Sports

BEFORE an enthusiastic crowd of supporters last night at the Army pool, Royal Scots held their annual Inter-Company swimming sports, first place being taken by Headquarters "B", who secured 31½ points against 20½ to Headquarters "A".

Other placings were "D" Company 25 points, "C" Company 18, "B" Company 13 and "A" Company 11.

It was a keen struggle for points throughout, but greatest excitement came from the invitation relay race in which the Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Artillery by a touch. Small Units and Royal Engineers were the other two teams in the event.

Inter-School Aquatic Heats

HEATS for the 220 yards and the diving for the Inter-School swimming sports which have been arranged by the V.I.C. for Saturday were held at the V.I.C. last night.

Qualifiers for the final were: Boys' 220 yards—Heat 1—1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's) 2. A. V. Lopes (La Salle); 3. A. Sandberg (La Salle); Time 2:50. Heat 2—1. William Tso (St. Stephen's); 2. Rosa Pereira (La Salle); Time 3:01 2/5 secs.

Boys' Senior Diving (Qualifiers for final)—Chang On (St. Stephen's), D. Pomeroy (La Salle).

Left Ensures Greater Control Of Head Movement

Any News Better Than No News

(By "Birdie")

TILT YOUR HEAD to the right and look at the ball through the left eye in addressing it. The master of masters—Bobby Jones—used to do this, but he put it down to there being a difference between his two eyes. His left he called the "major" or controlling eye, and he says that he discovered this through shooting.

Victoria Club Call-over For St Leger

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Victoria Club's latest call-over for the St Leger is: 10-2 Owen Tudor (1 & 6). 10-12 Devonian (1 & 6). 9-1 Chateau Latour (6). 10-1 Baskin (6). 10-1 Nazarin (6). 10-7 Suncliffe, Royalist and Orthodox (6). 10-6 Thoroughfare, Ptolemy and Starwort (6). 20-1 Firoze Din, Dancing Time and Lambert Simnel (6). 23-1 Fettes (6). 33-1 Turkeana (6). 40-1 Camperdown, Royal Academy, Sollum and Cuedley (6). 50-1 Felton (6).

Tilden Names Budge "Greatest Player Of All"

"BIG BILL" TILDEN, who recently aroused a storm of protest by naming the late Susanne Lenglen as the greatest woman tennis player of all time over the claims of Helen Wills Roark and Alice Marble, whom many regard as better than the French woman, has now created what might well be another controversy as far as the men players are concerned. He has just named Donald Budge as the greatest player the courts have ever seen.

Many followers of the game may disagree with him—remembering the feats of Ellsworth Vines and Fred Perry—but it must be admitted that Tilden should be something of an authority on the subject.

He has played tournament tennis longer than anybody and, in fact, he may well claim the title of being the greatest player for he has ruled a few courts himself in his hey-day.

"Just A Natural"

THERE is no doubt that Budge is a great, if not the greatest player,

for in his amateur days he won all the titles that are worth winning.

One reason for Budge's success as given by Tilden, is that he is a born player.

"Watch Budge in action," he is reported to have said. "Despite his 185 pounds, he is exceptionally fast. He is constantly moving his feet when waiting for the play, thus enabling him to make a quick break for the ball when he has diagnosed its direction. "He is just a natural."

"Vines may have been more brilliant on certain occasions, but over the sweep of a season's play, Budge is the greatest of them all."

Father Teaches Son



Bobby Jones II, teaching Bobby Jones III how to play golf in the family manner. Note Junior's cocked head, and the concentration on the ball with the left eye.

Jenkins—Father And Son—Hope To Break Ninety Speed Records

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (UP).—A father-and-son team—featuring Salt Lake City's racing mayor, Ab Jenkins, and his 21-year-old son—will speed over the hard surface of the Bonneville salt flats within the next few weeks in attempts to break some 90 new automobile records.

Perry Blames Pros For Tennis Controversy

THE QUESTION of holding an open tennis tournament, in which both professionals and amateurs can participate, has been the subject of controversy for a long time, and Fred Perry, former British Davis Cup star and Wimbledon champion, has now come forward to voice his views as to why such a competition has not been held.

A professional himself, he blames his fellow money players.

"Contrary to popular notion," he said, "the reason they don't have open tournaments, in tennis on the same basis as golf, rests with the professionals, not the amateurs."

If the professionals would go to the amateur association to-morrow and ask them to take charge of open tournaments instead of trying to force the hand of the amateur body, then I feel sure the idea would become a reality."

Amateur Control Desirable

AS a solution to the problem, Perry suggested that the amateurs be allowed to remain in control, take all the gate, while guaranteeing the prize money for the professionals.

After all, he declared, the amateur association has been successfully conducting tennis tournaments for several decades, establishing contacts all over the country with people interested in the future of the game, and are therefore in a better position to operate the open tourneys.

It is to be hoped that Perry's views would prove to be correct for there is no greater attraction in tennis than a competition in which both professionals and amateurs could meet.

Electric Rinks

The following rinks will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in League bowls against the Indian R.C. on Saturday at Sookunpo, commencing at 4 p.m.

W. Stonehouse, E. L. Groomer, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan; W. Stoker, J. B. Way, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny; R. A. Owens, R. F. Gregory, W. E. Macfarlane and A. G. Gardner.

Ho 6-2; beat Ng and Pang 6-1; lost to Luk and Choy 3-6. S. C. Dew and P. Szeto beat Lu and Ho 6-3; beat Ng and Pang 6-1; beat Luk and Choy 6-4.

League Tennis

POWERFUL S. CHINA TEAM. BEAT CHINESE R. C.

The powerful South China tennis team in the "B" Division of the local League trounced the Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park yesterday by 8-1.

K. H. Yip, one of the most promising of the younger players in the strongest pair for the home side, and conceded but five games in winning their three sets.

Scores were: K. H. Yip and W. H. Ho beat T. C. Lu and K. L. Ho 6-1; beat K. C. Ng and O. L. Pang 6-3; beat D. C. Luk and P. F. Choy 6-1.

W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh beat Lu and

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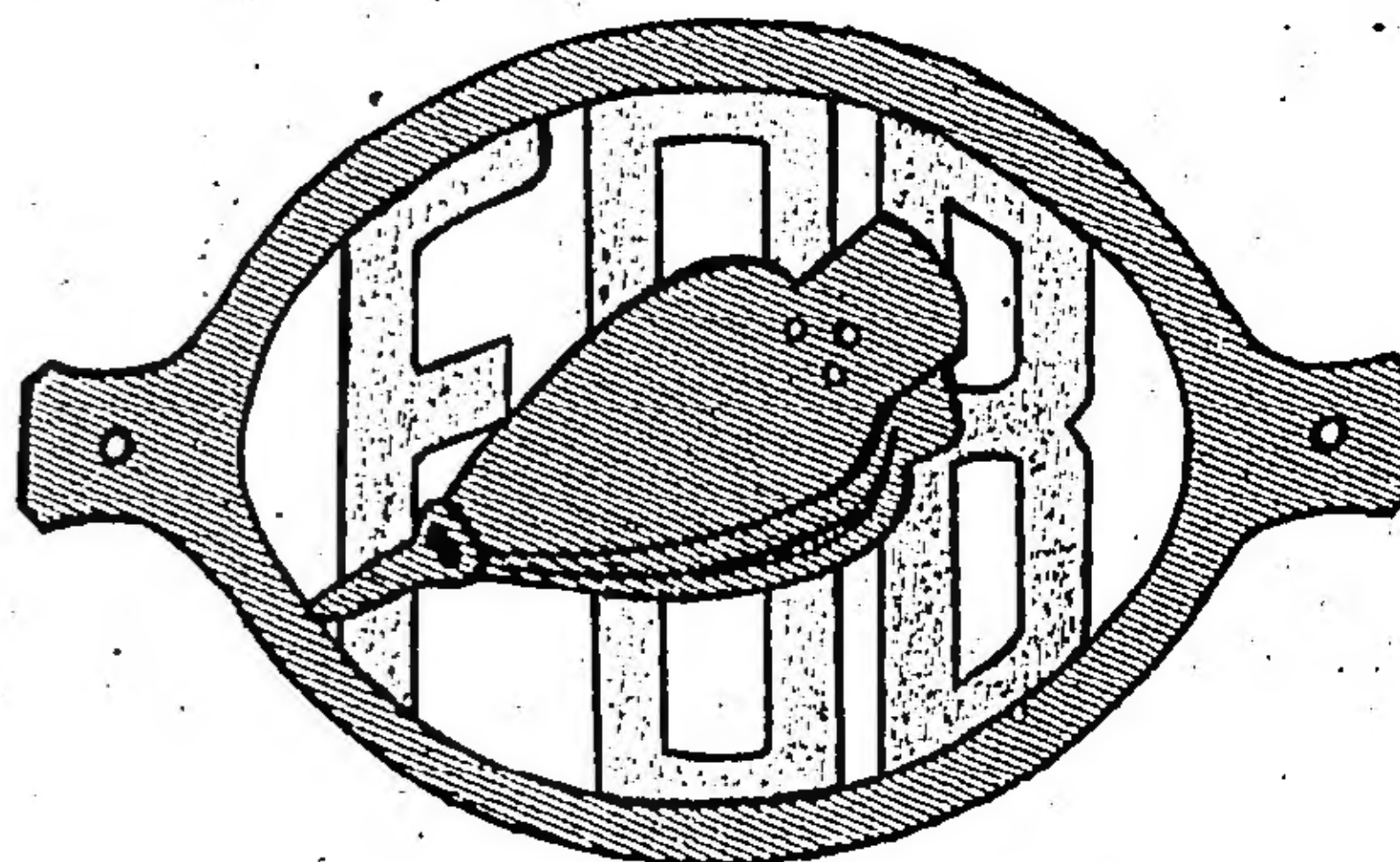
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Cyanide Found In Bodies Leads To Murder Charge

INVESTIGATION of a double murder charge at Ealing revealed the discovery of traces of cyanide in the bodies of a mother and baby which were buried in a garden in Goringway, Greenford.

This was stated when Lionel Rupert Watson, 31, bakelite worker, accused of killing 28-year-old Phyllis Elizabeth Crocker and her 18-month-old baby Eileen.

Mr H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, explained that Watson was married, with four children, and was not living with his wife. He met Miss Crocker at his work, and went to live with her at a flat in Goringway.

On Jan. 18 he told Miss Crocker that he had divorced his wife. He and Miss Crocker went through a form of marriage.

They appeared to be happy, said counsel, but a work Watson showed signs of wishing to escape an acquaintance with a girl aged 17½, Joan Philby. She gave him no encouragement.

On May 21 Watson, looking pale and agitated, told a neighbour, Mrs Bound, who lived above, "Phyllis has gone to her aunt in Scotland."

Five days later Mrs Bound saw Watson lift two flagstones in the back garden and begin digging what seemed to be a pit.

She called out, "Are you digging for victory?" and he replied that he was going to bury rubbish.

Mr Bound next noticed an offensive smell on June 28. On the following day she and a neighbour got into the flat, thinking some food had gone bad.

Prising up a flagstone, Mrs Bound noticed that the earth underneath was mixed with white powder. That powder, said counsel, was garden lime. The police were told.

Mr Morgan read a statement in which Watson was alleged to have said that Miss Crocker had taken drugs in the belief that she was going to have another child, and he came home from a cinema to find both woman and baby dead.

The alleged statement continued: "I sat up all night and went to work the next morning. The same night I dug a hole near the shed, put my wife and baby in the hole, filled it in again with dirt, and then put the flagstones back."

Dr Roche Lynch, the Home Office analyst, Mr Morgan continued, had found traces of cyanide in both bodies, and evidence would be given that Watson was seen to take something from a drum of cyanide at the factory where he worked.

Watson took Miss Philby to places of entertainment, and gave her clothes and shoes belonging to the dead woman and jewels.

"On June 15," counsel stated, "Watson asked this girl into the flat, enticed her into the bedroom, showed her fur coats and fox furs, which he said belonged to his divorced wife, and asked her if she would have them. She refused."

On the day before his arrest Watson wrote to Miss Philby, "I look to you as soon as I saw you because you are a lot different. . . and I was beginning to love you."

He was alleged to have made a statement that he had not been familiar with Joan Philby. "That was true," said Mr Morgan. "The girl was perfectly pure."

Novel Hobby Of American Bottle Club

Contrary to the impression often created by its name, the International Bottle Club, of Los Angeles, is a group of geographically minded men and women of many nationalities, scattered around the shores of the Pacific Ocean, whose hobby is an exchange of correspondence carried in bottles by winds, waves, and ocean currents.

Started in 1926 by Col Edward P. Bailey, a native of Australia, a former officer in the Canadian Army and now a resident of San Mateo, Calif., the International Bottle Club now has a membership scattered from Chile to Alaska, from Siberia to Australia, and on various islands throughout the Pacific.

The club idea developed after Colonel Bailey prepared messages in half a dozen languages, placed them in hundreds of bottles, and scattered them a few each day from the deck of a ship en route from Vancouver to Sydney. Months, and sometimes years later, these messages were heard from widely scattered points around the Pacific.

Now the Bottle Club members collect thousands of old bottles, place their messages in them, and send them to sea with crew members of ships or passengers who can be induced to drop them into the ocean, as far as possible from lands to which they eventually return.

In the course of a few more years the International Bottle Club may be capable of furnishing valuable information concerning world wind drifts and ocean currents. The travel records of some of the messages recovered sound like the tales of Marco Polo, Magellan, and Sir Francis Drake. A message launched by a Japanese member near Kamchatka was reported three years later from Chile. Chilean messages have been found in Alaskan waters. Alaskan messages have turned up in Australia.

Mystery Murder Of Woman Censor

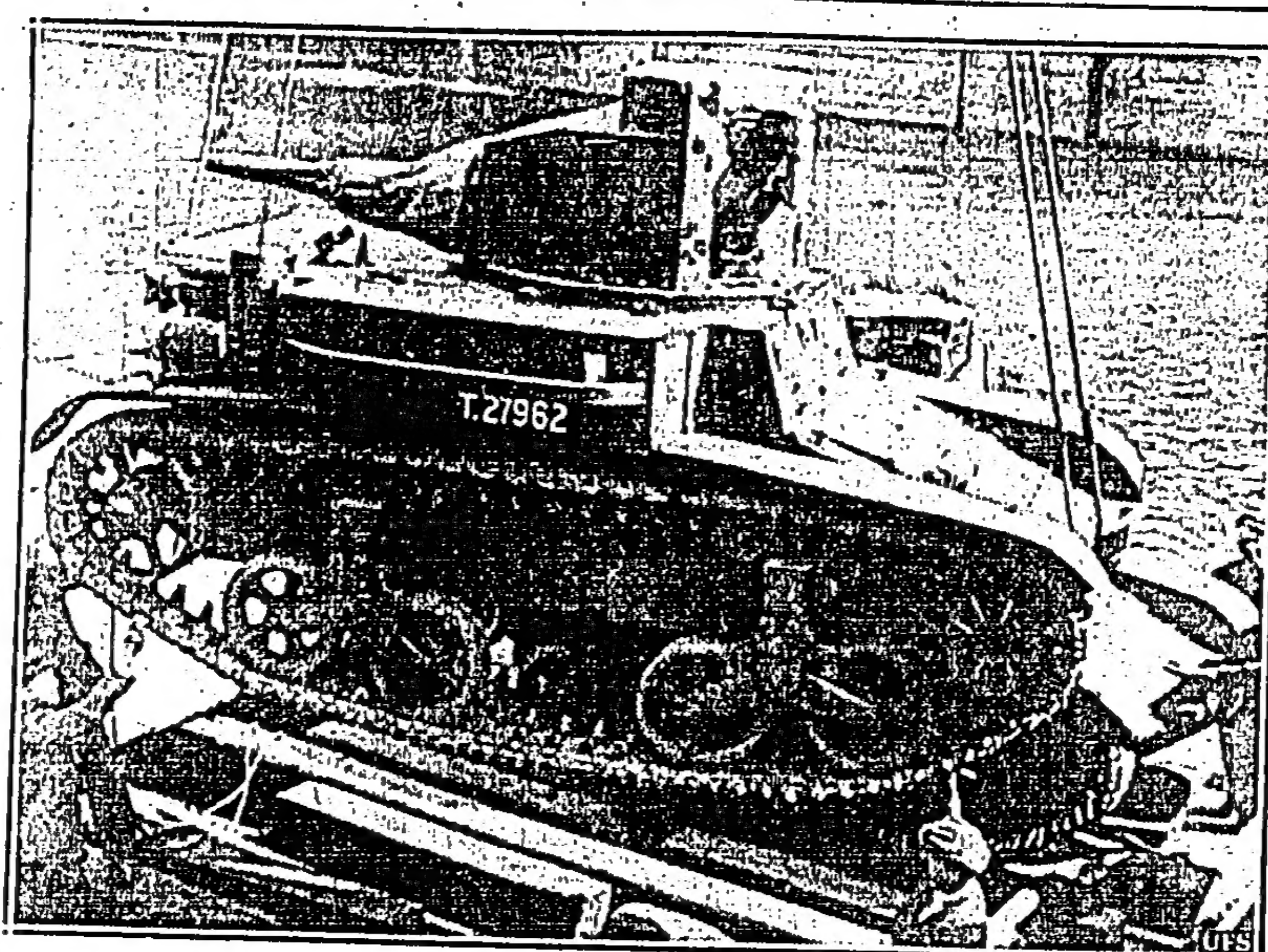
Bermuda authorities have called in U.S. G-men to help solve the murder of a woman member of the censor's staff at Hamilton (Bermuda).

The victim was Margaret Stapleton, a 43-year-old English woman. Only clue to the slaying, which occurred recently in a sawn-off baseball bat.

Miss Stapleton was killed as she was cycling along a moonlit road on her way to a railway station.

Doctors claimed that she had been assaulted and beaten to death. The body was found with most of the clothing torn off.

The killing is Bermuda's first "mystery murder."



THIS ONE GOT OVER—President Roosevelt has said that the U.S. Government intends to assure war supplies to Britain. This is an American-made tank that already has arrived safely in England, after the ship carrying it dodged the Nazi menace in the Atlantic.

Jilted Nurse Brings Breach Action Against R. A. F. Officer

WITH her head bowed, a young, attractive nurse heard the breach of promise action she brought in the King's Bench Division described by Mr Justice Hilbery as "a piece of almost inconceivable folly and waste of the Court's time."

The nurse's engagement to an R. A. F. pilot lasted only a week, and was broken off by him after the wedding invitations had been sent out. A few days later, according to her counsel, the nurse had a miscarriage through the shock of the broken engagement.

Refusing to allow any general damages for the breach of promise, the judge awarded the nurse, Margery Mary Mathias, 26, of Grenville-place, South Kensington, £28 special damages for expenses incurred. She sued Flight-Lieut Derek S. Pain, 23, who appeared in court wearing the medal ribbon of the A.F.C.

Announcing his decision, the judge said he would grant Miss Mathias, who had two counsel acting for her, only such costs as would have been incurred had the case been heard before a Master in Chambers instead of in open court.

"I feel," his lordship observed, "this is a case where I can exercise my discretion, and say that the defendant has been put to unnecessary expense through the action. It is an utterly deplorable case, which should never have been brought here into the limelight of publicity."

Sir Charles Doughty, K.C., for Miss Mathias, said that both the promise to marry and the breach were admitted by Flight-Lieut. Pain. The only question was the amount of damages.

Both parties were in a good position in life. Miss Mathias was the daughter of a large landowner in Pembrokeshire, where her family was well known. She was a fully qualified nurse and midwife, and was shortly leaving the country for a place abroad, where she would be doing war service.

Met at Rectory
"This unhappy story begins" in February, 1940, when Miss Mathias was staying with friends at a country rectory," Sir Charles continued.

"Her friends would occasionally ask officers from a nearby aerodrome to dine with them, and one of the officers who went was Flight-Lieut. Pain."

"He met Miss Mathias, was undoubtedly attracted by her, and they saw each other several times afterwards. Shortly after Easter, Miss Mathias was staying at an hotel in the neighbourhood of the station to which Pain was attached, and she wrote inviting him to dine with her. He did so, and that night visited her room, and intimacy took place."

"They stayed together the following night in an hotel, registering as Flight-Lieut. and Mrs Pain, and again there was intimacy."

At this point the judge intervened and asked, "Is your client anxious that this should be advertised to the world?" Sir Charles replied: "It has bearing on what happened subsequently. Miss Mathias found she was pregnant, and that induced Pain's promise to marry her."

place first in a car about a fortnight after their first meeting.

Mr Slade: In April, when you invited him to your hotel, you slept with him twice?—Yes.—Did you tell him then that you had slept with other men?—Certainly not.

If you threatened to commit suicide if he did not marry you?—I have.

Mr Slade read a letter which Miss Mathias had written to Pain in May, 1940, after she knew she had become pregnant. An extract ran:—

"We can be married, if you wish. In name only. You need never live with me or see me, and if at any time you wish to marry anyone I will willingly give you your freedom, and vice versa. I cannot say that I love you, but I am more fond of you than of anyone I know."

In another letter Miss Mathias wrote:—

"Marriage at present is the last thing I want. It interferes with all my plans and entails large sacrifices. Judge: You hated the whole idea of marriage, yet you are now asking for damages because the defendant did not marry you?—I was very fond of him."

Answering Mr Slade, Miss Mathias declared that she had no vindictive feelings, and was merely asking damages to cover what the affair had cost her.

Judge: But the gross cost to you was less than £50. Have we had to listen to this sordid story, involving innocent people dragged into the light of publicity for such a paltry sum? How dreadful!

Mr Slade did not call Flight-Lieut. Pain to give evidence, but, addressing the judge on the question of damages, said: "Three times this man was pestered by her to marry, and at last, almost driven distraught by threats of suicide, he agreed. Not until after the breach of promise did the word 'love' ever appear in her letter."

After the judge's finding, Flight-Lieut. Pain told a reporter: "Thank goodness that's over! It has been a trying business, but I feel happier now than I have done for a long time. Now I can go back and get on with my job!"

He had been granted a day's leave from duty in order to attend court, and returned to his flying station immediately the case was over.

Flung From Plane, Clings To Tail

Flung out of a training plane, a U.S. Army cadet lodged on its tail and hung on until his instructor landed the plane safely at St. Louis (Illinois).

King Rations His Cigarettes

Because of the tobacco shortage in Britain, the King has had to cut down his cigarette smoking.

The Queen mentioned this when she visited a girls' hostel in Hoxton, one of the poorer districts of London. "I don't smoke, but I know the King has cut down his smoking because of the cigarette shortage," she said.

The Queen asked the Mayor of Shoreditch (Alderman T. J. Shillito) whether he found it difficult to get cigarettes. "Unfortunately, yes, Madam," said the Mayor.

NEW REVOLUTION IN FRANCE HELD TO BE IMMINENT

Eventual revolution in France is predicted by two Americans who have just arrived in New York from France.

"Within a few months there will be blood in the streets of Paris," declared Henry Kahn, aged 66 years. "I saw in 1871 during the Commune after the Franco-Prussian war," he added, "what the French can do when they get mad, and they are getting mad now."

Josephine Winter, a member of the American Ambulance Corps, who was detained in a Barcelona prison for 11 days as an alleged spy, declared: "Talk of a revolution is common throughout France, but the people are not yet able to do anything about it."

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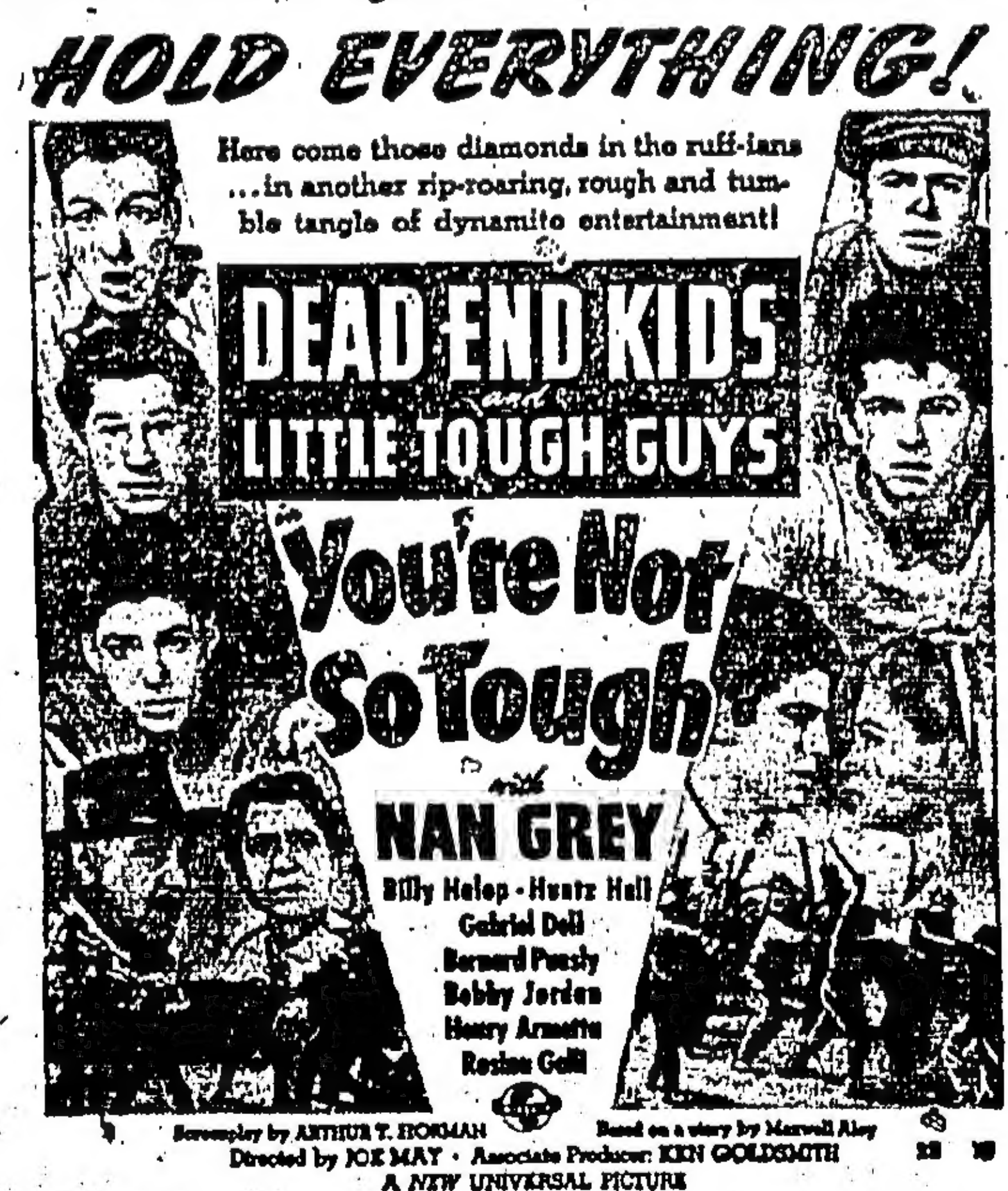
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FLEET AIR ARM SMASHES CONVOY

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Blenheims of the R.A.F. and a direct hit with a heavy bomb set it on fire, with volumes of black smoke pouring from it.

Libya Raided
In Libya, heavy bombers of the R.A.F. raided Benghazi and Tripoli during the night of August 17-18. At Benghazi, the harbour and shipping were attacked. Bombs were observed to burst on the bases of Jullana, the Cathedral and Central moles and on railway sidings. An explosion and several fires resulted.

At Tripoli, the harbour was bombed. Hits on the Spanish Mole and fort caused a number of explosions.

Repelled By Tomahawks
An attempt by a large force of Messerschmitt 109's and 110's to attack shipping off the Egyptian coast yesterday was foiled by Tomahawk fighters of the R.A.F. which gave combat to the 109's and compelled the 110's to drop their bombs some miles from the target.

Abyssinia
In the Wolchit, Debarech and Gondar areas of Abyssinia, aircraft of the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force have been co-operating in machine-gunning and bombing enemy positions. Direct hits were scored on huts and buildings and the Fascist Headquarters was destroyed. A number of fires were started.

Operating off Malta, a Hurricane aircraft intercepted and shot down a Caproni seaplane.

From all these operations, two aircraft are missing.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

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will have to be reckoned with even if the Germans succeed in obtaining possession of the whole bend.

The question of Russian resistance is largely a question of the reinforcements at Marshal Budenny's disposal. He has shown remarkable skill in extricating his men from encirclement and the German thrust must be losing vigour with every mile of its progress.

Nazis All Out

It is clear, however, that the High Command is "all out" for a decisive victory before the weather breaks and puts an intolerable strain on their lines of communication.

The Russians have shown astonishing skill in evading being cornered in a position from which there is no issue. They have practised elastic defence in a most subtle form and have given ground in exchange for heavy losses.

Menzies Warns Of Complacency

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treated as a major political issue, the Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, told a daily press conference: "There will not necessarily be a vote in Parliament on the proposal. I think the matter will probably be decided by Party meetings before Parliament meets. If the proposal is rejected, I stay here—that is all."

Pay of Services
SYDNEY, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Commonwealth Cabinet has decided to increase certain rates of pay and allowances of the Australian fighting services.

The amounts and exact conditions of application have not yet been decided.

Must Unanimously Agree
MELBOURNE, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies to-day announced that he will not go to London unless all parties of the Federal Parliament agree.

Commitments Debated by Senators

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and the American Army and Navy Chiefs and other United States officials were aboard.

He added: "Did Senator Barkley think that the President had deliberately put himself in a position where an act of war might have been committed?"

Senator Barkley replied that if an enemy plane or warship had bombed or destroyed the Prince of Wales while the President was aboard or the Augusta alongside it, it "might have created a situation that would have excited the American people and caused some difficulty with a foreign Power."

He added that the President was "willing to undergo the risk, if it was a risk" of boarding a belligerent warship in order to give the world the joint declaration that grew out of the conference.

Marshall Field And Cordell Hull

Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, famous Washington commentators, in a recent NBC broadcast reported:

Cordell Hull has laid down a flat decree that no government honour or position shall be given to Marshall Field, head of the famous department store family in Chicago. Reason is that Mr Field's newspaper "PM" published a series of articles on the State Department poking considerable fun at the Secretary of State.

Mr Hull, coming from the mountains of Tennessee, has declared a "mountaineer's feud" against Mr Field. Last week, Mr Field's "Guardian" organising his new Civilian Defence Commission, invited Mr Field to be a member of that commission—provided he gave up his crusading newspaper.



DIPLOMATIC CALLER—Russia was assured of all possible U.S. support, when Soviet Ambassador Constantino A. Oumansky called at the State Department. Acting State Secretary Sumner Welles, right, has escorted the departing diplomat to the door.

Design for Living—By Young American Girl

Sometimes babes and sucklings open their mouths and utter devastating truths. And sometimes they talk raving nonsense like grown-up people.

The difference is that children occasionally talk sense which is beyond their elders, befogged as they are by tradition, superstition and erudition.

Without opening her mouth a little American girl has told the most devastating truth about the attitude of many American women towards marriage in four startling lines.

Sticking her pen into the school inkpot, she wrote:—

I should marry, I should care
I should marry a millionaire,
He should die, I should cry,
I should marry another guy.

From this it may be gathered that the child has summed up the chances of life and worked out a cynical design for living.

Lure Of Sex

Even at an age when she is supposed to be thinking of nothing but dolls and fairies and candies, she appears to know all about the lure of sex and to be aware that it is her chief weapon in a woman's battle for existence. She knows already that millionaires are particularly susceptible.

No ideas of love, service or loyalty enter her stony little heart. Death does not appal her, nor will tears disturb the mascara darkening her wide, bright eyes at the funeral.

Before she has taught her first lipstick she has already, in a penthouse on Fifth Avenue, or down at Palm Beach, or at Honolulu aboard her yacht, the wife of a millionaire any millionaire, or any number of millionaires.

She already has wit. Let us pray she will grow up beautiful, too. Otherwise she won't even get work as a stenographer in a millionaire's office.

Vassar Sophomore Dead In Car

The body of Anne M. Greene, missing 19-year-old Vassar College sophomore, was found in an automobile in an isolated section of Lexington, Mass. A medical examiner reported she had committed suicide with carbon monoxide.

Miss Greene had been searched for throughout the east since she drove away from her Cambridge home on June 11 after leaving a suicide note. She was the daughter of Professor William C. Greene of Harvard University.

The girl was said to have been depressed because she had failed in her studies at Vassar and was on probation.

The automobile was found parked in a wooded section of an old road. The car doors were locked and a rubber hose had been run from the exhaust to the car's interior.

The medical examiner said the girl probably had been dead 10 days.

The Troops Must Foot The Bill

Soldiers who have wantonly caused damage in private billets are going to be made to pay for it out of their own pockets.

This is a War Office decision made in advance of questions to be asked in the House of Commons. There have been complaints of fences torn down for firewood, furniture and carpets ruined by horseplay, windows broken, and electric fittings smashed.

Capt. D. Margesson, War Minister, is having an investigation. Complaints are being examined by officers on the spot, and where they are proved to be true compensation will be paid at once. Offenders will have to pay back the money to the Army in instalments.

Japan's Naval Mission
MADRID, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—After having been six months in Germany, Japan's special naval mission is returning to Japan from Cadix on August 22, travelling via South America.

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Nazis Assume Control Of Vital Frontier Railways

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (UP).—A dispatch from Rome to-day disclosed that the German army and secret police authorities have assumed control of all railway passenger traffic between Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain.

The message did not indicate at which point along the Swiss frontier the Germans had established control, but indicated that the Germans might have re-routed trains so that they will pass through the German occupied zone into France to Switzerland and Italy.

GERMAN CITIES AGAIN BOMBED

Cologne, Duisburg, Berlin

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Royal Air Force is giving German industrial cities and the Channel ports no rest.

According to the Air Ministry, a great number of heavy bombs were dropped both on Cologne and Duisburg, many large fires being left burning.

The docks at Dunkirk were also effectively bombed. Eight British planes are missing from these attacks.

Encouraging News

ANKARA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The announcement that British bombers over Germany frequently number over 300 a night and the publication of figure of bombs dropped in three weeks over the Ruhr, Cologne and Hamburg has impressed public opinion as never before with Britain's air might.

It has also done much to remove the misleading impression created by German communiques when they speak about "isolated British aircraft" and so on.

Berlin Bombed

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Soviet planes raided Berlin area last night, according to the Moscow radio. Incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on military and industrial objectives where fires and explosions were observed.

All the Soviet planes returned safely to their bases.

Nazis Lose Eight

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Eight German fighters were destroyed in the night.

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Malta Bags Three Planes Without Loss

MALTA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Enemy fighters which approached Malta this morning had a warm reception.

British fighters intercepted them and shot down three without loss to themselves, states a communique.

One fighter pilot shot down two of the enemy and one of the raiders was shot down in flames over Sicily.

Admiral

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Fiji War Agency Board has voted £200 towards the Malta Relief Fund "in token of the admiration felt by one island colony for another island colony that is so splendidly withstanding the brunt of enemy air attacks in the Mediterranean."

Economic Pressure Is Making Japan Squirm

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Japanese-inspired reports of an impending barter agreement with the British and Dutch which have been denied by the British is regarded as evidence that Tokyo is beginning to squirm under the economic pressure of the democracies.

Authoritative Dutch quarters admitted that private firms in the Dutch East Indies, especially dealers in coffee, tea and sugar have been discussing an export license which the Dutch authorities show no sign of granting.

These same quarters stated that there is no question of resuming Dutch oil exports, and the inclusion of rubber in the discussions with private firms is improbable.

The head of the London Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Visconti Kano, to-day told the "United Press": "The story that the Yokohama Specie Bank is negotiating

RUSSIANS MAY FLOOD NAZIS IN UKRAINE BY RELEASING HUGE DAM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, AUG. 19 (UP).—THERE ARE REPORTS CIRCULATING HERE FROM LONDON AND MOSCOW THAT THE RUSSIANS MAY BREAK THE TREMENDOUS DNIESTROV DAM WITH THE PURPOSE OF FLOODING THE GERMANS IN THE LOWER RIVER AREAS.

After two months of the Russo-German war, the Nazis claimed to have taken all the Ukraine west from the Dniester, comprising about 130,000 square miles, and to have captured 180,750 prisoners in the past ten days. However, informed quarters in London and Moscow deprecate Berlin's allegation that the Red Army in the Ukrainian area is in the process of dissolution, and indicated that the Red forces are intact.

London experts assert that 400,000 Russian troops have withdrawn across the Dnieper in the past four days.

Moscow claims counter blows against the Nazis on the Smolensk front.

95 Miles From Leningrad
 The Nazis are now about 95 miles from Leningrad—the capture of the city would reportedly hold them.

Russian losses in connection with the Dnieper withdrawal are unofficially estimated at 150,000 men.

Aerial warfare continues with German and Russian bombers apparently attempting to raid enemy capitals without particular success.

New Fighting Planes
 SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (UP).—Russia's latest fighting planes, reported to be faster, better armed and capable of flying higher than any machine hitherto available to the Russian air force, is to go into action to-morrow (Wednesday).

This was announced in Moscow to-day, when it was revealed that the Soviet aviation industry had now prepared sufficient numbers of these planes to enable them to go into combat.

Simultaneously a Moscow dispatch was released regarding the south-TURN to Back Page, Column 3

U. S. Awaits Explanation Japanese Refusal To Issue Permits

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (UP).—At a Press conference to-day Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said that the United States is still awaiting a complete and satisfactory explanation of Japan's refusal to permit Americans to depart.

He asserted that the reports so far received from Ambassador Grew are not sufficiently complete to enable any definite United States action.

Earlier, Mr. Hull conferred briefly with Secretary of War Stimson. The latter said that the discussion was solely a general exchange of information regarding the international situation.

Few Prisoners
 It is significant that the Germans make no big claims as to captured prisoners and this would suggest that the main body of Marshal Budenny's army is still intact and that there is no crossing being forced.

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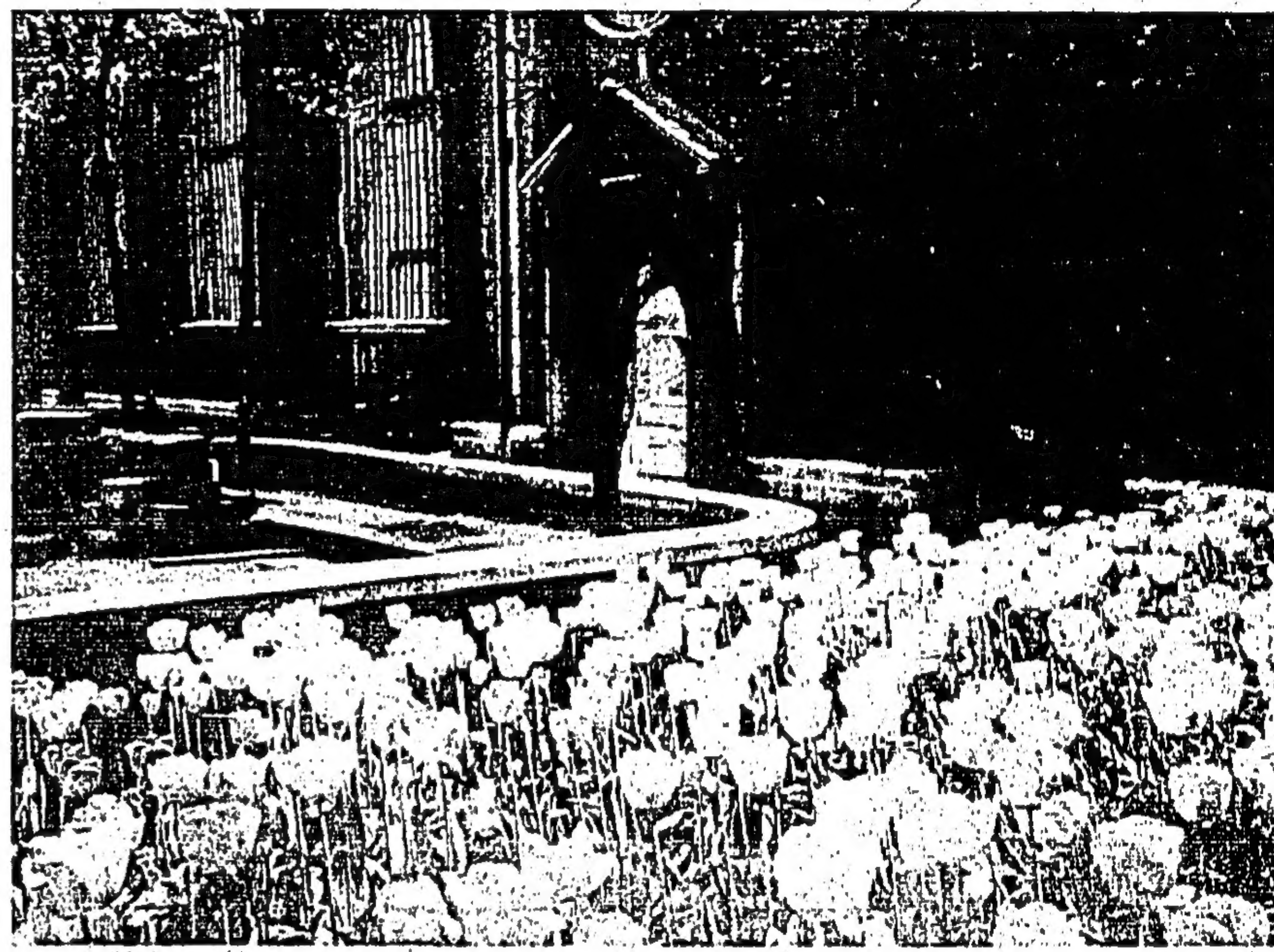
Wishful Thinking

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in authoritative circles in London of reports emanating from Japanese sources that trade negotiations have either been or are about to open between Japan, Britain and the Netherlands East Indies.

Such stories probably owe their origin to Japanese wishful thinking but have no foundation in fact.

It may be recalled that Mr. Van Mook, the Netherlands Plenipotentiary who has been conducting negotiations with Japan, resigned about a fortnight ago on his function.

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FLEET AIR ARM SMASHES HALF AN ENEMY CONVOY

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Half of an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean was sunk, beached or set on fire as the result of an attack by the Fleet Air Arm on Sunday night. A communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East states:

Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a highly successful attack on an enemy convoy consisting of five large merchant vessels and a tanker escorted by six destroyers in the Central Mediterranean during the night of August 17-18. One vessel of 6,000 tons was hit by a torpedo and sank after two hours.

The tanker was also hit by a torpedo and a violent explosion followed.

Aircraft which shadowed the remainder of the convoy reported later that the tanker was still on fire and ad stopped.

Scenes of considerable confusion were taking place, anti-aircraft guns being fired in all directions without any definite target.

A second merchantman was then torpedoed and reconnaissance was then turned to the south.

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Submarine Cachalot Lost But Crew Safe

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced that the submarine Cachalot, commanded by Lieutenant H. R. B. Newton, R.N., is overdue and must be considered lost. Enemy broadcasts seem to indicate that the entire crew of the Cachalot have been rescued and are prisoners of war.

Arrangements are, however, being made to secure that if in any particular case it is decided to licence imports, payments for such licenced imports will be made to a clearing account, the balance on which will be available only to pay for licenced exports.

Export licences will be granted for approved goods only within the limit of the funds available on the clearing account.

Similar arrangements are being made in other parts of the Empire.

The maintenance of diplomatic and consular representation will be financed in a similar way.

Tobruk Artillery Exchanges

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—At Tobruk there has been heavy enemy shell-fire in one sector of the British defences. Our own artillery obtained many direct hits on parties of the enemy.

In the Western Desert, the situation is unchanged, states a Middle East communique to-day.

NATURE'S REPLY TO NAZI BOMBS

Hitler's bombs may destroy beautiful churches, historic buildings and the people's homes, but England's flowers continue to lift their heads proudly in defiance of the aerial blitz. This typical scene shows the tulips in the churchyard of the famous church of St Bride's, which has been heavily damaged by bombs.

U.K. - JAPAN BARTER RUMOURS

London Explanation

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The following authoritative statement was issued in London last night. "Rumours of negotiations for a barter trade agreement between Great Britain and Japan seem to have arisen out of a communication to the Yokohama Specie Bank for information as to the banking machinery which they would be permitted to use in connection with any movement of goods which might exceptionally be licenced in the future.

The position is that in order to ensure that the effect of the freezing order will be fully maintained, frozen funds will not be released to finance exports to Japan.

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Repressing Communists In France

Severe Vichy Measures SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Aug. 19 (UP).—Official French circles said to-night that the Government is preparing extremely severe measures for repression of Communist activity in Free France. The penalties provided by law for Communist agitation will be considerably increased as in the occupied zone where German court martials may now sentence French Communists to death.

In Marseilles, the police arrested 21 cell leaders and chiefs of Communist militant groups including the editorial staff of the clandestine Communist weekly, "Rouge Midi."

Protest Against Arrest
 VICHY, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Paris morning newspaper "La France Au Travail" to-day says that M. Jacques Doriot, leader of the "P.F."—French Populist Party—has protested to the

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Abend Declares U.S.-Japan War Inevitable

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (By Clipper from Central News).—"War between the United States and Japan is just as inevitable as was war between Great Britain and Germany, and for the same reason it is impossible indefinitely to maintain good relations with a bad neighbour." This is the prophecy made in a widely publicised article by Mr. Hallett Abend, former Far East correspondent of the "New York Times," which appeared yesterday in the magazine "Look."

For a week in nightly nationwide broadcast "Look" has been advertising this feature, which has been termed the most blighting indictment of Japan yet to appear in any American periodical.

Mr. Abend's article says that, broadly speaking, the fact of Herr Hitler being a bad neighbour is the cause of the present chaos in Europe, and that Japan's being a bad neighbour is responsible for the inevitable

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Amy Johnson's Life, Film

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Anna Neagle, the film star, and Mr. Herbert Wilcox, the producer, have left by clipper for London to make a film of the life of Amy Johnson, the famous British aviatrix who was drowned last year while engaged in war work.

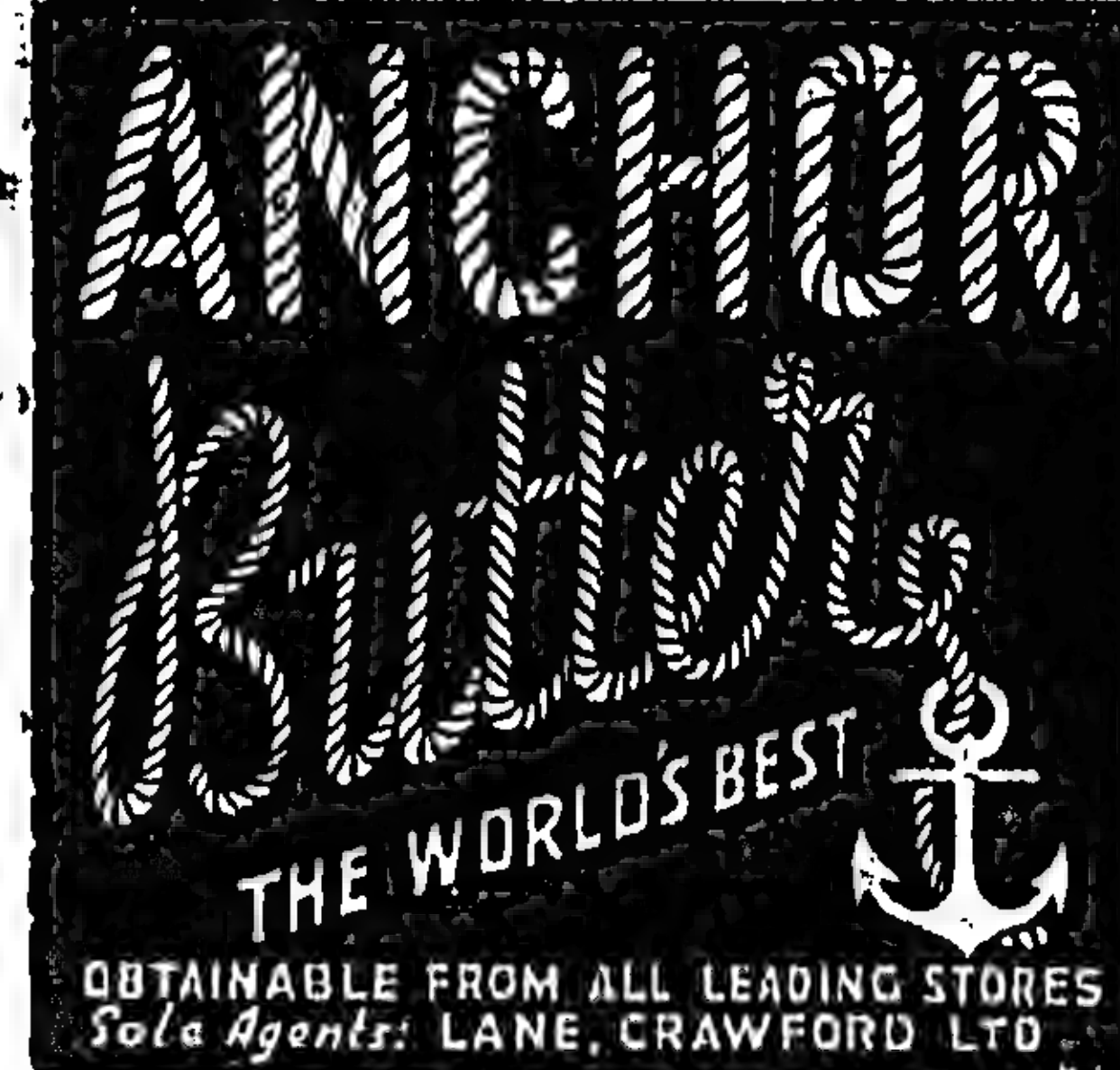
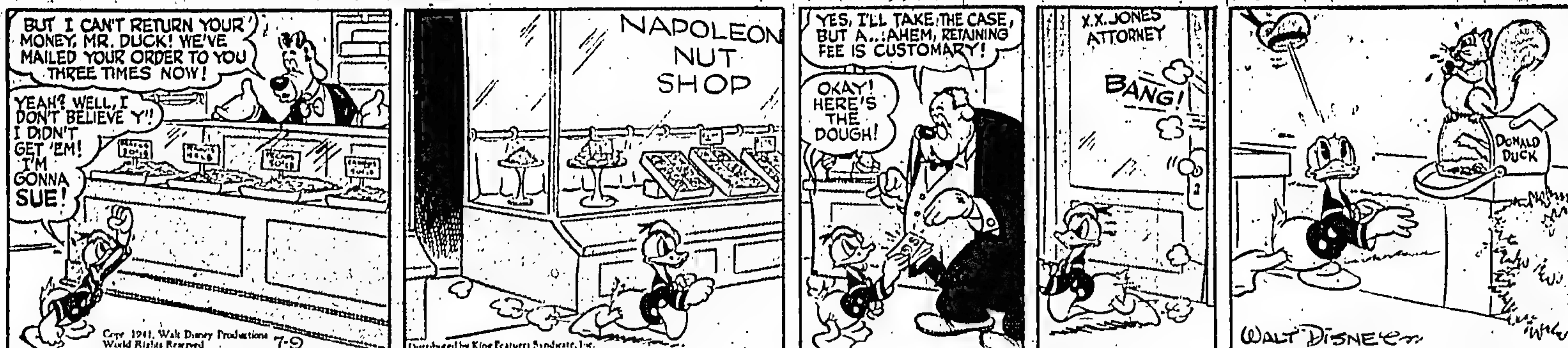
Miss Neagle is travelling under the name of Florence Marjorie Robertson.

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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play AND How to Win
By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Double Jeopardy

THE taking of legitimate risks is as necessary in bridge as in life itself. Due stress, however, must be laid on that word "legitimate." Patently, it is absurd to put oneself into double jeopardy when only one hand must be cleared in order to achieve success. Note to-day's deal. Rubber bridge. Both sides vulnerable. South dealer.

♠ 642	♥ 983	♦ A75	♣ Q105
♠ K4	♥ Q64	♦ QJ32	♣ 82
♠ Q106	♥ A873	♦ KJ107	♣ 10883
♠ A873	♥ KJ107	♦ QJ2	♣ K964

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass
South's sequence of bids constituted a "reverser," i.e., by bidding hearts first and then spades, he asked for a preference that might have to come at the three level and this in itself announced a very strong hand. As a matter of fact, it would have been more conservative, and perhaps more accurate, to start with one spade, and then to bid hearts, thus allowing North to make his choice of suits at the two level.

West opened the club queen. Dummy's ace won and at the second trick declarer took a heart finesse. This lost and from that point on there was no hope of success. On a club return declarer was reduced to three trumps. By the time he had eventually established his long spade, he had no protection against the club suit.

This hand is an ideal study of the comparative advantages in finesses. Declarer was far too quick with his heart finesse. There were other

situations that urgently demanded testing before trumps were even touched. Obviously, at least two spade tricks would have to be conceded and there was also the matter of the diamond finesse.

The logical plan was to win with the club ace and immediately to pass a spade. West would win and continue with clubs. Declarer would ruff and lay down the ace and another spade, the fortunate break establishing his long card. Another club ruff would reduce the closed hand to three trumps, but this would be unimportant if declarer played properly. At this point the diamond finesse would be in order. If it succeeded, declarer would not need the heart finesse, because he could lay down the ace and king of hearts, leaving the queen at large, then cash his last spade and discard dummy's losing diamond. Actually, as will be seen, the favourable position of the diamond king would have made this plan a sure winner. It is equally worthy of note that if the diamond finesse had been offside, a successful heart finesse would have been valueless inasmuch as declarer would have been so ruffed down by club leads from the enemy that he would never be able to cash his fourth spade.

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ Q1084	♥ KQ653	♦ A9	♣ J9763
♠ K5	♥ A87	♦ KQJ87	♣ WSE
♠ A	♥ Q62	♦ AKJ9642	♣ Q8

How should South play his five club contract? Opening lead diamond king.

Training U-Boat Crews Is Problem for Nazis

By A Naval Correspondent

The German Navy started this war better equipped in one respect than was the Kaiser's Navy. It had a fully organized submarine instruction school prepared for rapid expansion. The German Admiralty had learned by the bitter experience of 1917 and 1918 how heavy the casualties in submarine war could be, and how essential it was to build up a big reserve of trained or partly trained personnel ready to commission new boats as they were delivered from the builders, since there would be few survivors of the destroyed craft available for further service.

Nearly a third of the men entered for U-boat service in the last war were casualties. The actual figures, according to Admiral Michelsen, who was Senior Officer of Submarines, were—

Entered for service 17,841
Afloat at the height of the campaign 5,467
Killed during the war 5,132

The total number of men "lost" to the service was, however, larger, since there were 792 prisoners of war and men interned in neutral countries.

SUBMARINE SCHOOL

As the personnel of the Submarine Division in August, 1914, amounted to no more than 1,400, including shore staff and instructors, it would seem that the submarine school's output of trained (or, more accurately, semi-trained) men in the fifty-one months of war was more than 16,000 officers and men.

This is a very remarkable feat, but in actual fact, as the German official history quite casually notes, about 20 per cent. of the crews sent afloat had received no special training. They had to pick up what knowledge they could while the boat was running her "shake-down" cruise. This factor must have played a part in the increase in the average sinkings of U-boats, which was 1.59 per month in 1915 and 6.4 per month in 1918.

TRAINING OF OFFICERS

The training of the officers was far below the standard that the British Navy required for the submarine service. No more than three months' instruction at the submarine school was given to commanding officers and senior engineers, and four weeks all the instruction given to a watch-keeping officer—though it was apparently the rule that all submarine officers must already have passed the long torpedo-course. The training of the petty officers and men,

both in the deck and engineer branches, was limited to three months.

The result was that in twenty-seven months the submarine school passed as "trained" 27 commanding officers, 55 watch-keepers, and 58 engineers every three months, thus providing the officer-personnel for the commissioning of nine new boats in a month. That was the rate at which the building yards were delivering new boats in 1916, but in the next two years the output fell off, and only seven boats a month came into service.

OUT OF THE LINE

This intensive effort in training had its effect on the number of boats on active service. Admiral Michelsen records that in 1918 there were no fewer than fifty boats attached to the submarine school for instructional purposes. Twenty of these were newly delivered and may have been running trials as well as serving the school, but that still leaves thirty boats withdrawn from the fighting.

All these facts are worth bearing in mind when we are considering the present position in the Battle of the Atlantic. We sometimes forget, in face of our own difficulties, that the enemy, too, has his problems.

There is no doubt whatever that the losses in personnel of the German submarine service in the opening weeks of this war were a terrible shock to the Berlin Admiralty. At a moderate computation, no fewer than 3,000 officers and men were lost before this war was six months old. These were all highly trained men, those who had been secretly prepared before Hitler admitted that he was building new submarines.

They were the men who were to form the "core" of the submarine service as new boats came forward, who were to provide the skilled minority among the part-trained in each crew.

SINKING LOSSES

There can be little doubt that the long period of quiescence in the U-boat war in the Atlantic last year—when the British losses fell as low as 27,000 tons in a month—was enforced on the Germans by the losses of these skilled men quite as much as by shortage of new boats to replace the sinkings.

Indeed, we may fairly assume, on the experience of 1917, that new deliveries in the winter and spring of 1939-40 were diverted to the submarine school as training boats in order that the numbers of trained or semi-trained men might be restored as speedily as possible. Even the survivors of that first sea "blitz" must have been needed ashore as instructors.

RAEDER'S WORRY

It is too early to say whether or not the present day U-boats' crews show signs of inexperience and of the incompetence due to under-training. We should have to know much more than is at present public knowledge about the circumstances of recent sinkings of enemy craft and also of the circumstances in which attacks on our merchant shipping have been defeated before attempting any estimate of the quality of the men now carrying on the submarine commerce-destruction campaign.

But, basing ourselves only on the known facts about the last submarine war, we may fairly deduce that Admiral Raeder is having quite as much worry about the Nazi submarine service as his predecessor had, and that there is still at least one-fifth of the personnel afloat that is "picking up the job" while actually under fire.

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8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 A Light Irish Programme.
An Irish Symphony; Kathleen Mavourneey; Londonderry Air; A Little Irish Dash Of Dublin; Rakes Of Clonmel; When Paddy McGinty Plays The Harp; Mason's Apron; What'll I Do If I Marry A Soldier.

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9.45 Strauss-Till's Merry Franks.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Fritz Busch.

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Studio—Our Letter From Free China.

10.30 Dellus—Sonata No. 2, and "In A Summer Garden."
Sonata No. 2...Lionel Tertis (Viola) and George Rebecs (Piano); In A Summer Garden...The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 "London—British To-day." Discussion by Sir Frederick Whyte and Bernard Darwin.

11.15 Close Down.

"V" Signal

The Hongkong Broadcasting Station has joined in the great campaign which is sweeping over free nations by commencing transmissions with the slogan "V for Victory," which is immediately followed with a few bars from Beethoven's famous Fifth Symphony, the underlying motif of which is the repetition of a rhythm which actually takes the form of the letter V in morse.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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DIG FOR VICTORY

IN Britain they have been, and increasingly are, digging for victory. There is no obvious reason why Hongkong should not follow suit, especially in view of the reiterated hints from official and unofficial quarters that one of the main problems in the event of an emergency will be to keep Hongkong fed. The Colony can perform a considerable amount of self-help in this respect.

Without doubt there are hundreds of detached and semi-detached houses both on the island and mainland which at the present moment are yielding little but flowers and plots of green lawn—some neat and becoming, others wholly unkempt and untidy. These could, and should, be put to better use; there is tremendous utility value in such ground; it could grow enough vegetables for most of the year to keep the tenants independent of imported produce.

And should there be any doubt as to what the Colony's soil (properly fertilised, of course) can produce, the imposing list is herewith produced: asparagus, dwarf and climbing beans, beet, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, endive, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, onion, parsley, parsnip, peas, radish, rhubarb, spinach, sprouting broccoli, sweet corn, tomato, and turnip. Further immediate encouragement for growing home produce in this time of vital necessity is provided by the knowledge that August is the best month for sowing both dwarf and climbing beans, cauliflower, celery, leeks, radish, sprouting broccoli and tomato, while next month is also an excellent time for growing the above mentioned vegetables, plus beet, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsley, parsnip, peas, and turnip.

Garden soil in many parts of the Colony is not naturally endowed with richness necessary for producing crops, but fertilisation is cheap, and supplies are plentiful. Every encouragement officially should be given to garden owners to develop their land to the most fruitful advantage.

GUARDING ICELAND AGAINST THE NAZIS

Now that the United States has sent an occupation force to Iceland, it would seem to be mandatory that sufficient naval units be maintained there to guard against the possibility of a German naval raid.

Germany has one battleship, the Tirpitz. The battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and one heavy cruiser, believed to be the Prinz Eugen, are at Brest, France, under repairs received in bombings by the RAF. They might be available at any time.

For raids in the Atlantic, Germany also has two pocket battleships, four 10,000-ton heavy cruisers with eight-inch guns and 10 smaller six-inch gun cruisers.

This sizable fleet, in case it should decide to raid Iceland accompanied by a large air force, must be reckoned.

By Rear Admiral YATES STIRLING

United Press Naval Critic

with seriously by the United States Navy. A naval force in Iceland adequate to meet such an emergency must consist of at least five battleships, 15 or 20 cruisers, several aircraft carriers, from 30 to 50 destroyers, and a substantially large land-based air force.

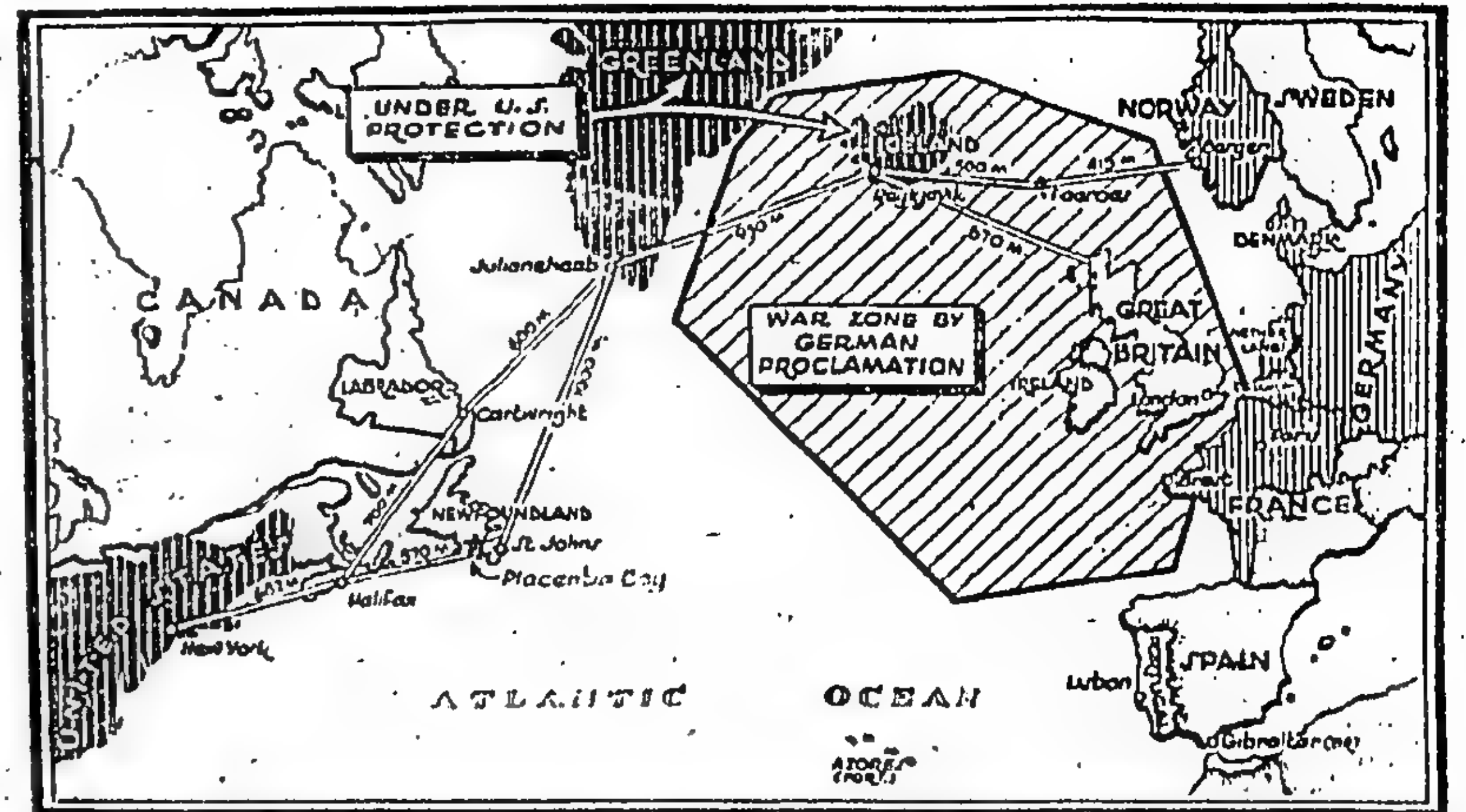
The United States fleet in Iceland must be large enough to meet in an open fight any German raid from Europe, for it must be remembered that an inferior fleet, like the second best hand at poker, will lose heavily in a battle on the sea. America cannot afford to risk a defeat in which a majority of its warships would be lost, and that is the fate of an inferior fleet.

In addition to surface warships in Iceland, the United States should maintain a full-sized flotilla of its best submarines. These will be urgently needed by the surface fleet in any battle with the German navy, which navy would be supported by a number of its long-range submarines.

Thus it is evident that the taking over of Iceland by the United States has involved the country in a major naval effort. The nation should be cautioned against a policy of too few and too late naval preparations to hold the island. That it will lead to a shooting war with Germany will depend upon what Hitler decides to do to make that occupancy dangerous or even untenable. The United States must count upon Hitler using the greatest effort to dislodge and defeat the American Navy to bolster German morale. America must be prepared with competent naval forces to check Hitler whenever he strikes.

inexpensive handbooks on the best methods of growing vegetables might be issued by the Botanical and Forestry Department and made available to members of the public who are ignorant of gardening and who do not employ professional gardeners.

For a not inconsiderable proportion of Hongkong's population to make itself self-supporting with home-grown vegetables would be a real ostrich feather to put in our caps!



The ostensible reason for occupying Iceland, apart from relieving British troops there and guarding the northern supply route to Britain, is to safeguard it from German seizure. The United States could not afford to overlook the strategic value to Germany if that nation seized it and made out of it a formidable base for submarines and aeroplanes. Whereas United States warships based in America would have required from 140 to 185 hours to reach Iceland, German naval units could have made the trip from Norway in from 30 to 40 hours.

It is not at all a new idea that

WORLD'S OLDEST REPUBLIC

By MERRIMAN SMITH
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Iceland is the world's oldest republic. The island, built almost entirely on volcanic rocks, was first colonised by Norsemen. Its government was an independent republic from 930 to 1263, when it joined Norway. Both countries came under Danish rule in 1381.

When Norway separated from Denmark in 1814, Iceland remained under Denmark. Iceland gained recognition as a sovereign state in 1918, although the Danish king also was its monarch. After Denmark was occupied by Germany the Icelandic Parliament met on May 16, 1941, and dissolved the union with Denmark.

The country covers an area of about 40,000 square miles; not more than one-fourth the area is habitable. The population is almost entirely of pure Scandinavian stock. The people of Iceland are principally farmers and fishermen. Fish and fish products constitute about 85 percent of all exports. The short Arctic summers limit agriculture to crops of hay and potatoes. Because of large areas of grasslands, however, sheep raising is an important activity.

The weather in Iceland is moderate because the huge island lies in the gulf stream.

The principal harbour is at the capital, Reykjavik, which has a population of 36,100. Reykjavik is on the west coast of Iceland, hence its harbour is not materially affected by the floating ice and remains open most of the year.

The country is about the size of the state of Kentucky and is an island of rugged mountains and lava fields, and even glaciers in the northern portions. High plateau slope from the mountains to the lowlands along the coasts.

Iceland has a potential waterpower of 2,500,000 horsepower, but as yet this power has not been harnessed. Thermal springs abound throughout the island, serving to heat many of the buildings in the capital.

The United States has always been a good customer of Iceland, buying large quantities of cod liver oil. American trade with Iceland before the current war was largely by trans-shipment to Hamburg and Copenhagen, but in November, 1939, direct shipping connections were established.

Principal exports of the country besides fish and mutton are wool, sheepskins, horses and elderdown. Iceland's export trade in 1939 amounted to \$12,294,000, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Imports for the same year were \$10,879,000.



AMERICANS TAKE OVER—Uncle Sam's Marines have landed in Iceland for duration of war, to forestall German occupation of island and to assure delivery of American munitions to Britain. British formerly occupied island, as shown by these troops erecting gun emplacements at strategic points. Island is 2,500 miles from New York; 2,700 from Berlin.

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MORE COLOURFUL DETAILS OF HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Bit by bit, the story of Mr Churchill's tour is being pieced together. The Prime Minister joined the train for the departure port somewhere between London and the train's destination and with him were the Chiefs of the Imperial General Staff, the Naval General Staff and Air Force as well as Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office.

The party was deposited at a northern port and embarked on a destroyer, the personnel of which, till that moment, had no idea of the party to be conveyed. Soon the Prime Minister and his Chiefs were transferred to the Prince of Wales on board which there was some astonishment. Even the officers in the Prince of Wales, apart from the Captain, were not aware of the journey on which they were about to embark. They knew, however, that they were taking distinguished passengers and had even organised a sweepstake as to their destination. Of many guesses made, two officers hit upon the right answer. One predicted that they were taking the Prime Minister to meet President Roosevelt; and the other that they were taking Mr Harry Hopkins—who was already in the Prince of Wales—across the Atlantic. Both being right, they shared a "bumper kitty."

Rough Seas

The weather at the start of the voyage was bad but Mr Churchill was in fine fettle and appeared to enjoy the rough seas. In such a vast ship, it would take a long time to send a messenger from one part to another and to facilitate communication, microphones were installed. When Mr Churchill called for the detective (Inspector Thomson) his voice could be heard booming through the ship.

After dinner several films were shown including "Lady Hamilton," which Mr Churchill saw for the fourth time. When the picture ended, Mr Churchill turned to the officers and, referring to the Battle of Trafalgar, said: "I thought that it would interest you gentlemen, some of whom have so recently been under fire of the enemy in a matter of equal historic importance."

The Prince of Wales, it will be recalled, took part in the chase of the Bismarck.

Aboard Augusta

When the rendezvous was reached, Mr Churchill went aboard the American cruiser Augusta and came face to face with President Roosevelt. He handed the President a letter from the King, then they quickly settled down to business. Nevertheless the President found time during the day to send over a present to every man in the Prince of Wales of a carton containing 20 cigarettes, an apple, an orange, a banana and half a pound of cheese—a thought which was tremendously appreciated on board the British ship.

For the greater part of the time, the President and Mr Churchill were alone and in the meantime conferences went on between the heads of the services, sometimes in the American ship and sometimes in the Prince of Wales.

President At Service
The only time that President Roosevelt went aboard the Prince of Wales was on Sunday when he attended Divine Service and lunched with the Prime Minister.

There was not a single untoward incident during the outward journey and there was no sign whatever of enemy craft of any kind.

Icelanders' Impression

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr Winston Churchill's successful visit to Iceland is the subject of many leading articles in the Reykjavik press. One daily newspaper says that it was most appropriate that the smallest democratic nation in the world should be the first visited by the British Prime Minister after his historic conference with President Roosevelt.

The Reykjavik correspondent of the Norwegian telegraph agency says that no foreign statesman visiting Iceland had ever been so enthusiastically welcomed. Mr Churchill won all hearts.

During a military parade, a detachment from the Norwegian forces, although numerically small, attracted great attention owing to their erect bearing and hard appearance. Norwegian forces in Iceland

Captured Imagination

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr Harold Hicks, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, paying a tribute to Mr Churchill, said: "His initiative and courage has captured the imagination of the world. This country and its Allies will wish to thank him not only for the dramatic meeting but also for the manly and spiritual declaration from the Atlantic."

Mr Hicks added: "Mr Churchill is a man of great courage and understanding and if people would give him understanding and support, they would be backing a man who stood for all the ideals of this country and the better times before it."

Smuts Back From East

Happy Impressions

PRETORIA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—"On the whole I bring back a happy impression both of our men and the general situation, but always with this strong feeling—that we are up against it this time," declared Marshal Smuts when interviewed on his return from Egypt.

He said that the Germans in Libya were much more formidable than the Italians had been, but he was optimistic. Italy was full of Germans who had the advantage of being able to travel shorter distances to the Libyan front, but he expected that these difficulties would be overcome by the Allies.

Using Up Machine
Russian resistance was using up a large part of the German war machine but some of this machine would remain.

Marshal Smuts said that if the Germans had failed to invade Britain a year ago when Britain was weak, there was little likelihood of a successful attack on Britain now. The chances were that the Germans would strike at the Mediterranean basin—the only area in which they could fight.

"We are facing not only this time, but more formidable odds," said the Marshal. "The Germans have enormous resources to fling against us." He added that he had never seen the South Africans in a better mood. They were among the best-trained troops in the Middle East and the South African Air Force had built up an unequalled reputation.

Co-operation Of Indians

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, made the following statement regarding the recent invitation to Indian Provincial Premiers to join India's newly-constituted National Defence Council:

"The Prime Ministers of all provinces in which the working of the Constitution has been uninterrupted were invited by the Viceroy to join the National Defence Council in their capacity as Prime Ministers and regardless of their personal, Party or communal affiliations."

NAZIS' CHEAP CAR DISPLAYED

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The "volkswagen"—people's car for which millions of Germans paid but never received—appeared in Cairo streets to-day flying the Union Jack above the Swastika.

The car was captured in Libya by the Indian cavalry. It was fitted out as a repair vehicle. It seats three and the engine develops nine horsepower. From its construction, it is obvious that it was never intended for civilian use.

Gallantry In Mid. East

Decorations Awarded

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Nearly 80 officers and men are named in to-night's London Gazette for gallant and distinguished service in the Middle East.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) James Joseph Kingstone, late of the cavalry, who already holds the D.S.O. and M.C., receives a bar to the D.S.O. Colonel Kingstone was in 1932 appointed to command the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers when he was only 38—an exceptionally early age for an officer to command a regiment in peacetime.

The D.S.O. is awarded to Captain (temporary Major) Robert Archibald Eden, the Royal Horse Artillery; Captain (acting Major) Robert Brian James, of the Essex Regiment; and Major (acting Lieutenant-Colonel) Frederick Arthur Montague Bertram Jenkins, M.C., of the 2nd Punjab Regiment of the Indian Army.

Indians And Australians
The Military Cross is awarded to 23 officers including two of the Indian Army and six of the Australian military forces.

The list also includes the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sergeant Richard Samuel Head, R. A. (South Shields), Sergeant George Cairns Whitham, of the Rifle Brigade—the Prince Consort's Own—(Maldstone), and two Australian Sergeants.

Four Indians receive the Indian Order of Merit (2nd Class), 30 military medals and ten Indian Distinguished Service medals are also awarded.

Captain (acting Major) R. E. James (Essex Regiment) and Major (acting Lieutenant-Colonel) F. A. M. Jenkins (2nd Punjab Regt) are mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East.

Darlan Back In Vichy

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Vichy Deputy-Prime Minister, Admiral Darlan, has returned to Vichy from Paris, where he had a series of conversations with the occupation authorities, says a Vichy dispatch to the German official news agency.

ENEMY SHIPPING LOSSES

Further Facts Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—According to an Admiralty announcement, German shipping losses between July 6 and August 16 totalled 616,000 tons, the highest figures yet reported.

It is authoritatively estimated that the German tonnage captured, sunk, lost or destroyed during the war up to August 16 was 4,700,000 tons. This includes 51 ships estimated at 200,000 tons which the Russians claim they have sunk.

Of the total, German tonnage was 2,321,000; Italian 1,533,000; Finnish 34,000, and "useful to the enemy," 19,000 tons.

Waller In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—While Dr Tsu Mo, the Chinese Minister to Australia, has left Chungking for Canberra, it is learned that Mr J. K. Waller, First Secretary of the Australian Legation, has arrived in Chungking.



IT'S MOVING DAY—This is how you move when there's no gas to be had for automobiles. Scene is in Stockholm, Sweden, as public porter pumps his tricycle substitute for his truck that has been laid up in storage many months.

GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED RUSSIA

ZURICH, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Despite the millions of men involved, it is remarkable how few signs of fighting are visible from the air except at isolated points, writes the "Berliner Neuzuercher Zeitung," describing a flight to Smolensk.

This is apparently due to the loose nature of the fighting over a vast extended front thousands of kilometres long and hundreds of kilometres deep. Many villages are completely destroyed, yet others outside the zone of fighting are untouched.

The double battle of Byalystok and Minsk has left very small visible trace as the war material the Russians are reported to have left behind is "probably either already largely removed or largely hidden in the forests."

The correspondent saw few traces of Soviet fortifications. He concluded: "The Russians intentionally based their defence on the fire of automatic weapons disposed at great depth, hidden snipers and well-aimed artillery equipped with many heavy guns."

"The Red Army also probably regarded the tank and infantry counter-attack as one of the chief methods of defence."

Harvest Time

Where destruction is visible, for instance at Smolensk, it is terrible. The villages are not destroyed, the Germans have ordered collective farms to continue harvesting.

In other parts, harvesting is impossible as the returning population find the towns and farms burnt out. They cannot replace lost agricultural implements and so face starvation. The order to tackle the supply problem, the Germans have shown astonishing speed in converting one track and double track railways to the normal gauge. Alternatively, they use motor transport and transport planes.

Quartering Soldiers

Quartering the soldiers presents a harder problem. Many German soldiers say that they have been sleeping in tents for weeks. While the possible start of the cool weather in the northern and central sectors of the front in September, the Germans will have the task of providing quarters for whole armies in the continually advancing front and sectors.

"With the continuing penetration into Russia, the advancing season and the solution of technical problems, apart from actual fighting, will more and more determine the outlook of the war," says the correspondent.

NEW YORK'S DOCK FIRE

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The latest known casualty list in last night's dock fire is seven dead, 55 in hospital and about 40 missing, including longshoremen, some of whom were working in the hold of the Panuco. If they have escaped they have failed to report themselves; they may have been burnt to death.

The damage is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Exchange Of Prisoners

Vichy Officers Released

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Fifteen of the Vichy officers detained in Jerusalem have been released and have returned to Syria, where they are awaiting repatriation.

They are all of very junior rank. Their release follows the return from France of a party of 51 British officers and other ranks.

It is understood that General Dents and senior officers with him will be held until all British officers captured in Syria and taken to France are released.

Quezon's Birthday Pledge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Greetings were exchanged to-day in a two-way radio broadcast between Mr Quezon, President of the Philippines, and Mr Henry Wallace, Vice-President of the United States.

The occasion was the 63rd birthday of President Quezon. He spoke from Manila and Mr Wallace from Washington.

President Quezon in the course of his talk said that his people were "with the United States in life or death."

STOCK EXCHANGE Home Rails Strong

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, home rails provided the main feature with strong all round support, influenced by hopes of an early settlement on the new government agreement.

Elsewhere, things were more quiet but the undertone continued firm and prices were generally maintained.

Bradford Dycers were a good feature among the industrials on payment of five years' arrears of preference dividends.

Shipping stocks continued firm, oils were quiet and Railways were quietly firm. Among foreign bonds, Brazilian and Peruvian issues were firm.

Germans Arrested In Rangoon

From Foreign Legion

RANGOON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Five Germans who are believed to have escaped from the French Foreign Legion have been taken into custody at Victoria Point in British territory. They have been brought to Rangoon under police escort and detained.

Duke And Duchess Of Windsor's Plans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Following a Nassau announcement that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are preparing to go to the Duke's ranch at Calgary, Canada next month, the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull to-day said that he had learned from the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, that the Duke and Duchess were planning to visit Washington. He did not know any details, he added.

Joe Louis And Wife To Make It Up

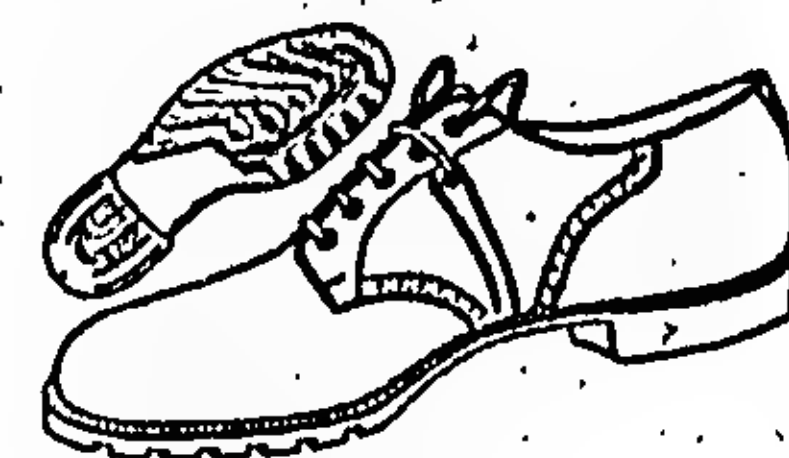
CHICAGO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—While the divorce suit hearing was proceeding, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, suddenly announced that he and his wife were ready to patch up their marital difficulties and forget about the divorce suit.

After their discussion during the divorce suit hearing, Joe Louis emerged and announced that all differences between them were forgiven. Marva's lawyer will now ask for a dismissal of Mrs Louis's suit, it is announced.

Sir Arthur Blackburn

Sir Arthur Blackburn, Counsellor to the British Embassy at Chungking is still in the Queen Mary Hospital where he is recuperating from the effects of injuries received during one of the mass air raids on Chungking some weeks ago. His condition is much better. It was learned this morning, and is making satisfactory progress.

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Japanese Ships Going On Full Wartime Footing

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 19 (Domei).—Japan's shipping industry will be placed on a complete wartime footing as a result of enforcement of the shipping control plan which was formally approved by the Government at the Cabinet meeting this morning.

The plan, which was originally drafted by the Ministry of Communications, will be referred to the General Mobilisation Inquiry Commission before being legalised.

The principal points of the plan, which aims at placing shipping under exclusive State control, include firstly, authorisation for the Government to requisition vessels; secondly, the Government to execute supervision over transportation schedules as well as the bottoms allotment programmes, through a special juridical person to be appointed for the purpose; thirdly, the Government to be authorised to mobilise crews, who however, will be permitted to continue their employment contracts with their employers; fourthly, compensation for ship owners for losses resulting from State control of shipping and, fifthly, the Government to be authorised to control the shipbuilding industry.

Britain's Allies In United States

Extent Of Soviet Arms Requirements

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—A call to abandon the "Defend America" and "Aid Britain" slogans and adopt a policy of full participation with Britain to defeat Nazism was recently cabled from London to New York by Mr Everts Scudder, liaison officer of the Committee to Defend America.

The National Director of the Committee replied: "Our programme urges full participation to win the war and organise peace. We will only have the right to a vigorous voice in the establishment of world justice if we are willing to make a contribution, whatever the sacrifices, to winning the war."

Rubber Quota

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Regulation Committee has fixed the permissible export quota for the fourth quarter of this year under the regulation scheme at 170 per cent. of the standard tonnage.

OPM—OPAS TO BE HARMONISED

Differences Studied

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has commissioned Judge Samuel Roseman of the New York Supreme Court to study the differences between the Office of Production Management and the Office of Price Administration and Supply.

The two offices have not seen eye to eye on some matters of policy—for example, the proposed curtailment of motor car production in order to make room for an expanded defence output—and there has been talk of creation of some "super defence agency" under the Vice-President, Mr Henry Wallace.

Judge Roseman went to Washington and offered his old friend President Roosevelt his services in any capacity while the Court is in recess.

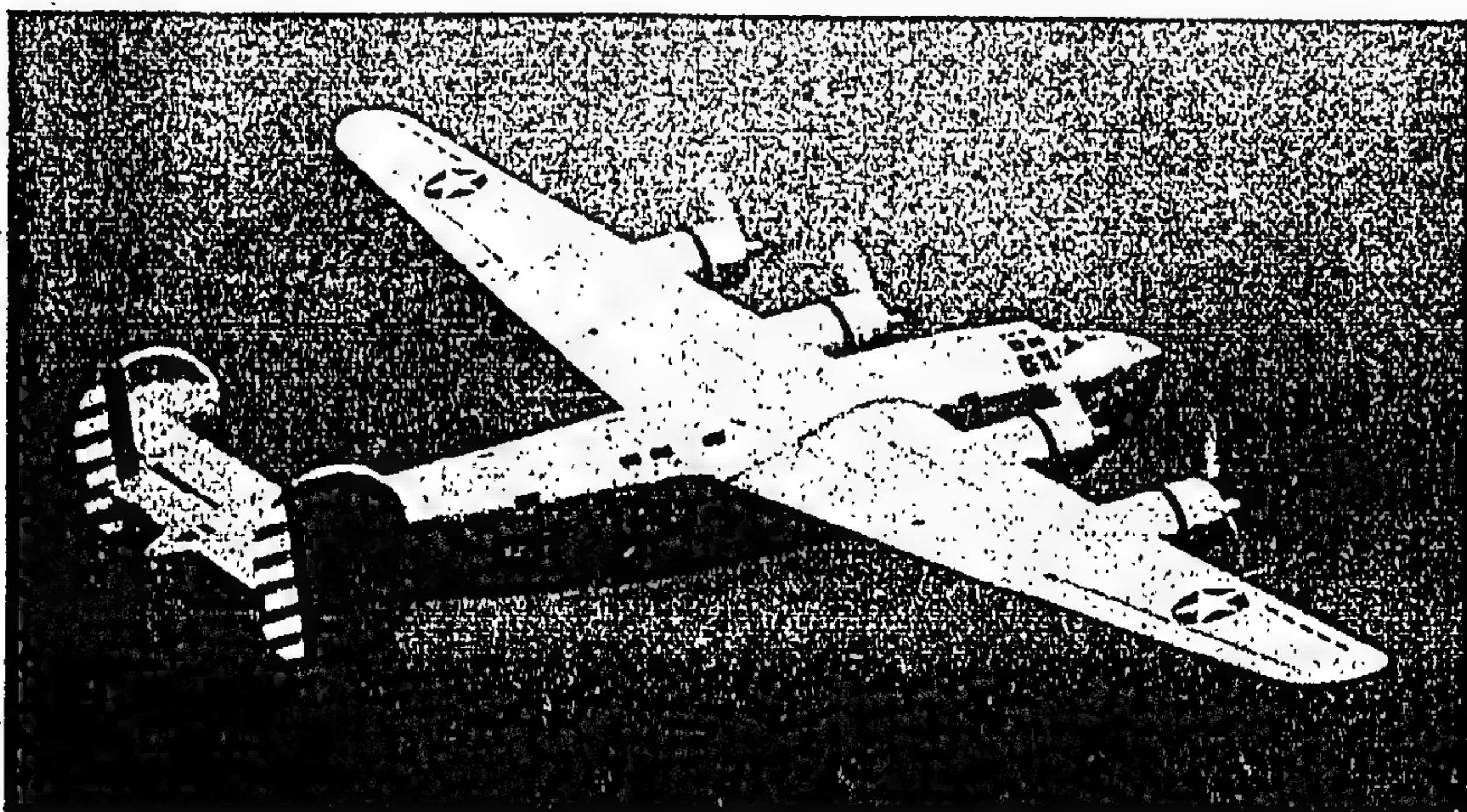
Extent Of Soviet Arms Requirements

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The question of United States credits to Russia was raised at the Press Conference held to-day by the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, according to the "Washington Dispatch" to the Dow Jones Agency.

Mr Hull conceded the difficulty of Russia paying on the spot for more than \$40,000,000 worth of materials since the Soviet Union had only that amount in the United States. He recalled, however, that Russia had stated that all purchases would be paid for and said that the question of extending credits to Russia was up to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Federal Loan Administration.

As against only \$40 million held by Russia in the United States, the Soviet requests for equipment are put as high as over \$1,000 million by some reports.

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Around The Courses

Eyes Have It In Golf

Father Teaches Son

Swimming

Headquarters "B" Win R. Scots' Annual Sports

BEFORE an enthusiastic crowd of supporters last night at the Army pool, Royal Scots held their annual inter-company swimming sports, first place being taken by Headquarters "B", who secured 31½ points against 26½ to Headquarters "A".

Other placings were "D" Company 25 points, "C" Company 18, "B" Company 13 and "A" Company 11.

It was a keen struggle for points throughout, but greatest excitement came from the invitation relay race in which the Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Artillery by a touch. Small Units and Royal Engineers were the other two teams in the event.

Inter-School Aquatic Heats

HEATS for the 220 yards and the diving for the inter-school swimming sports which have been arranged by the V.I.C. for Saturday were held at the V.I.C. last night.

Qualifiers for the final were: Boys' 220 yards—Heat 1—Donald Young (St. Joseph's), 2, A. V. Lopez (La Salle), 3, A. Sandberg (La Salle), Time 2 min. Heat 2—1, William Tso (St. Stephen's), 2, Iona-Perera (La Salle), Time 1:01 2/3 sec.

Boys' Diving (qualifiers for final)—Chang On (St. Stephen's), D. Penney (La Salle).

Left Ensures Greater Control Of Head Movement

Any News Better Than No News

(By "Birdie")

TILT YOUR HEAD to the right and look at the ball through the left eye in addressing it. The master of masters—Bobby Jones—used to do this, but he put it down to there being a difference between his two eyes. His left he called the "major" or controlling eye, and he says that he discovered this through shooting.

Victoria Club Call-over For St Leger

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuters).—Victoria Club's latest call-over for the St Leger is:

11-2 Owen Tudor (t & o).
100-12 Devonian (t & o).
6-1 Chateau Lafite (o).
10-1 Bakhawar (o), (100-9 t).
10-1 Mazarin (o).
100-7 Suncoast, Royalist and Orthodox (o).
100-6 Thoroughfare, Ploemy and Starwort (o).
20-1 Firoze Din, Dancing Time and Lambert Blinnet (o).
25-1 Fettes (o).
33-1 Turkana (o).
40-1 Camperdown, Royal Academy, Solihull and Cuedley (o).
50-1 Felous (o).

Tilden Names Budge "Greatest Player Of All"

"BIG BILL" TILDEN, who recently aroused a storm of protest by naming the late Susanne Lenglen as the greatest woman tennis player of all time over the claims of Helen Wills and Alice Marble, whom many regard as better than the French woman, has now created what might well be another controversy as far as the men players are concerned. He has just named Donald Budge as the greatest player the courts have ever seen.

Many followers of the game may disagree with him—remembering the feats of Ellsworth Vines and Fred Perry—but it must be admitted that Tilden should be something of an authority on the subject.

He has played tournament tennis longer than anybody and, in fact, he may well claim the title of being the greatest player for he has ruled a few courts himself in his hey-day.

"Just A Natural"

THERE is no doubt that Budge is a great, if not the greatest player,

for in his amateur days he won all the titles that are worth winning. One reason for Budge's success as given by Tilden, is that he is a born player.

"Watch Budge in action," he is reported to have said. "Despite his 185 pounds, he is exceptionally fast. He is constantly moving his feet when waiting for the play, thus enabling him to make a quick break for the ball when he has diagnosed its direction."

"He is just a natural. "Vines may have been more brilliant on certain occasions, but over the sweep of a season's play, Budge is the greatest of them all."

I wonder how far he would be correct in applying this theory to all golfers? Can it be a fact that one or the other of one's eyes is better. Doctors will tell that one eye can be weaker than the other—but I don't think that is what Jones meant.

In the case of golf, I would think that with all the left is the "major" eye. For this reason, it helps to keep the head down for the longest possible time, and, at least, it keeps it there for the time of hitting the ball, which is what is wanted.

Just try looking at the ball through the right eye, and then calculate the percentage of shots which are spoiled through lifting the head too early.

With the left eye on the ball and with the head tilted to the right, even if there is the tendency to lift the head at the moment of impact, there is yet the range of the right eye to cross the ball before it is actually out of sight. By which time, the ball should have been struck.

Another thing I have found out about this left eye business is that a different perspective of the ball is seen, and the tilt of the head somewhat makes the in-out swing easier.

It alters the apparent line of approach. That is, a parallel line to one's feet appears to converge backwards when the left eye takes control, and in then hitting along what seems to be the correct line one hits from the inside outwards. But the eyes play a great part in putting. Players with super eyesight can often just line up the hole by standing over the ball. Others have to lie down behind and study the direct line.

The American pros say that getting down behind is not necessarily to get the line but to look for any untoward obstacles that may be in the way. Blades of grass, they contend, may mean the hole out or otherwise.

THERE is a shortage of golf news at the moment, and what little does arrive here comes late and by round-about channels. But at least it shouldn't be in circles.

An article on holes-in-one was written quite recently by a local scribe, and this same article was reprinted in one of the Shanghai newspapers. The northern paper came down to Hongkong and the article found its way thus into local columns again.

But on the question of holes-in-one there is a report on an American professional at a Baltimore Club who saw the perfect fluke done the hard way. A tee shot at a 117-yard hole landed six inches past the pin but with the extreme backspin the ball hopped back into the hole.

It was a good iron shot and the green must have been on the soft side, but story of what is perhaps the loftiest iron shot ever made comes from South Africa where the ball came to rest on top of a 900-foot hill.

It was carried there by a hawk which had pounced on the ball while it was rolling through the grass.

League Tennis

POWERFUL S. CHINA TEAM BEAT CHINESE R. C.

The powerful South China tennis team in the "B" Division of the local League trounced the Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park yesterday by 8-1.

K. H. Yip, one of the most promising of the younger players in the Colony, and W. H. Ho were the strongest pair for the home side, and conceded but five games in winning their three sets.

Scores were: K. H. Yip and W. H. Ho beat T. C. Lu and K. L. Ho 6-1; beat K. C. Ng and O. L. Pang 6-3; beat D. C. Luk and P. F. Choy 6-1.

W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoi beat Lu and Choy 6-4.



Bobby Jones II, teaching Bobby Jones III how to play golf in the family manner. Note Junior's cocked head, and the concentration on the ball with the left eye.

Jenkins—Father And Son—Hope To Break Ninety Speed Records

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (UP).—A father-and-son team—featuring Salt Lake City's racing mayor, Ab Jenkins, and his 21-year-old son—will speed over the hard surface of the Bonneville salt flats within the next few weeks in attempts to break some 90 new automobile records.

Perry Blames Pros For Tennis Controversy

THE QUESTION of holding an open tennis tournament, in which both professionals and amateurs can participate, has been the subject of controversy for a long time, and Fred Perry, former British Davis Cup star and Wimbledon champion, has now come forward to voice his views as to why such a competition has not been held.

A professional himself, he blames his fellow money players. "Contrary to popular notion," he said, "the reason they don't have open tournaments in tennis on the same basis as golf, rests with the professionals, not the amateurs. If the professionals would go to the amateur association to-morrow and ask them to take charge of open tournaments instead of trying to force the hand of the amateur body, then I feel sure the idea would become a reality."

As a solution to the problem, Perry suggested that the amateurs be allowed to remain in control, take all the gate, while guaranteeing the prize money for the professionals.

After all, he declared, the amateur association has been successfully conducting tennis tournaments for several decades, establishing contacts all over the country with people interested in the future of the game, and are therefore in a better position to operate the open tournaments.

It is to be hoped that Perry's views would prove to be correct for there is no greater attraction in tennis than a competition in which both professionals and amateurs could meet.

Electric Rinks

The following rinks will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in League bowls against the Indian R.C. on Saturday at Sookunpo, commencing at 4 p.m.: W. Stonehouse, E. L. Groome, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan; W. Stoker, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler and J. E. Lang; R. A. Owens, R. F. Gregory, W. E. Macfarlane and A. G. Gardner.

Ho 6-2; beat Ng and Pang 6-1; lost to Luk and Choy 3-6.
S. C. Dew and P. Szeto beat Lu and Ho 6-3; beat Ng and Pang 6-1; beat Luk and Choy 6-4.

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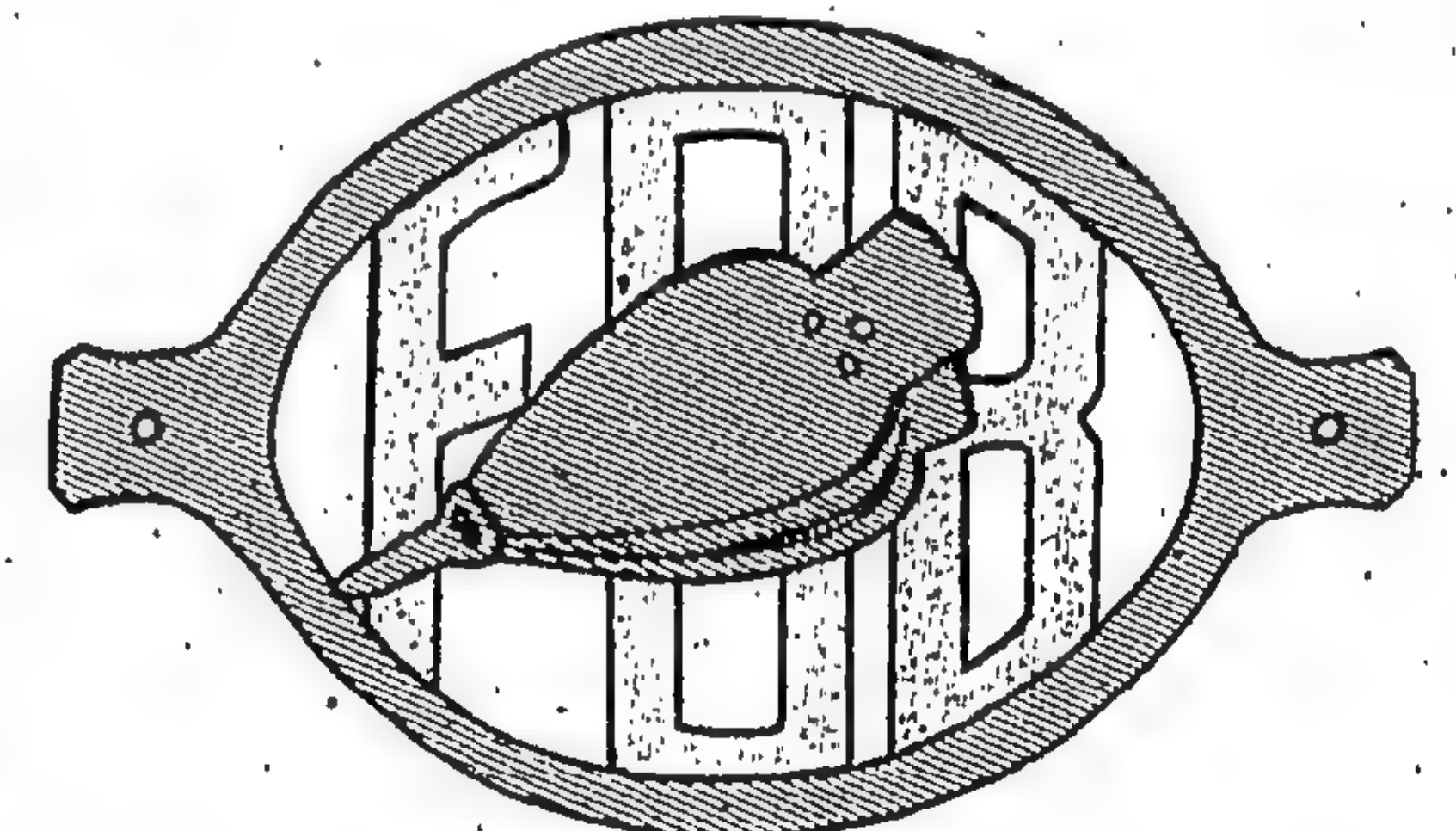
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Cyanide Found In Bodies Leads To Murder Charge

INVESTIGATION of a double murder charge at Ealing revealed the discovery of traces of cyanide in the bodies of a mother and baby which were buried in a garden in Goringway, Greenford.

This was stated when Lionel Rupert Watson, 31, huckster worker, accused of killing 28-year-old Phyllis Elizabeth Crocker and her 18-month-old baby Eileen.

Mr H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, explained that Watson was married, with four children, and was not living with his wife. He met Miss Crocker at his work, and went to live with her at a flat in Goringway.

On Jan. 18 he told Miss Crocker that he had divorced his wife. He and Miss Crocker went through a form of marriage.

They appeared to be happy, said counsel, but at work Watson showed signs of wishing to escape acquaintance with a girl aged 17½, Joan Philby. She gave him no encouragement.

On May 21 Watson, looking pale and agitated, told a neighbour, Mrs Bound, who lived above, "Phyllis has gone to her aunt in Scotland."

Five days later Mrs Bound saw Watson lift two flagstones in the back garden and begin digging what seemed to be a pit.

She called out: "Are you digging for victory?" and he replied that he was going to bury rubbish.

Mrs Bound next noticed an offensive smell on June 20. On the following day she and a neighbour put into the flat, thinking some food had gone bad.

Neighbour's Find

Prising up a flagstone, Mrs Bound noticed that the earth underneath was mixed with white powder. That powder, said counsel, was garden lime. The police were told.

Mr Morgan read a statement in which Watson was alleged to have said that Miss Crocker had taken drugs in the belief that she was going to have another child, and he came home from a cinema to find both woman and baby dead.

The alleged statement continued: "I sat up all night and went to work the next morning. . . . The same night I dug a hole near the shed, put my wife and baby in the hole, filled it again with dirt, and then put the flagstones back."

Dr Roche Lynch, the Home Office analyst, Mr Morgan continued, had found traces of cyanide in both bodies, and evidence would be given that Watson was seen to take something from a drum of cyanide at the factory where he worked.

Watson took Miss Philby to places of entertainment, and gave her clothes and shoes belonging to the dead woman and jewels.

"On June 15," stated counsel, "Watson asked this girl into the flat, enticed her into the bedroom, showed her fur coats and fox furs, which he said belonged to his divorced wife, and asked her if she would have them. She refused."

On the day before his arrest Watson wrote to Miss Philby, "I took to you as soon as I saw you because you are a lot different . . . and I was beginning to love you."

He was alleged to have made a statement that he had not been familiar with Joan Philby. "That was true," said Mr Morgan. "The girl was perfectly pure."

Novel Hobby Of American Bottle Club

Contrary to the impression often created by its name, the International Bottle Club, of Los Angeles, is a group of geographically minded men and women of many nationalities, scattered around the shores of the Pacific Ocean, whose hobby is an exchange of correspondence carried in bottles by winds, waves, and ocean currents.

Started in 1926 by Col Edward P. Bailey, a native of Australia, a former officer in the Canadian Army and now a resident of San Marino, Calif., the International Bottle Club now has a membership scattered from Chile to Alaska, from Siberia to Australia, and on various islands throughout the Pacific.

The club idea developed after Colonel Bailey prepared messages in half a dozen languages, placed them in hundreds of bottles, and scattered them a few each day from the deck of a ship en route from Vancouver to Sydney. Months, and sometimes years later, these messages were heard from widely scattered points around the Pacific.

Now the Bottle Club members collect thousands of old bottles, place their messages in them, and send them to sea with crew members of ships or passengers who can be induced to drop them into the ocean, as far as possible from lands to which they eventually return.

In the course of a few more years the International Bottle Club may be capable of furnishing valuable information concerning world wind drifts and ocean currents. The travel records of some of the messages recovered sound like the tales of Marco Polo, Magellan, and Sir Francis Drake. A message launched by a Japanese member near Kamchatka was reported three years later from Chile, Chilean messages have been found in Alaskan waters. Alaskan messages have turned up in Australia.

Mystery Murder Of Woman Censor

Bermuda authorities have called in U.S. G-men to help solve the murder of a woman member of the censor's staff at Hamilton (Bermuda).

The victim was Margaret Stapleton, a 42-year-old English woman.

Only clue to the slaying, which occurred recently in a sawn-off tenement.

Miss Stapleton was killed as she was cycling along a moonlit road on her way to a railway station.

Doctors declared that she had been assaulted and beaten to death. The body was found with most of the clothing torn off.

The killing is Bermuda's first "mystery murder."

Lupescu's Turban May Leave Mark On Fashion

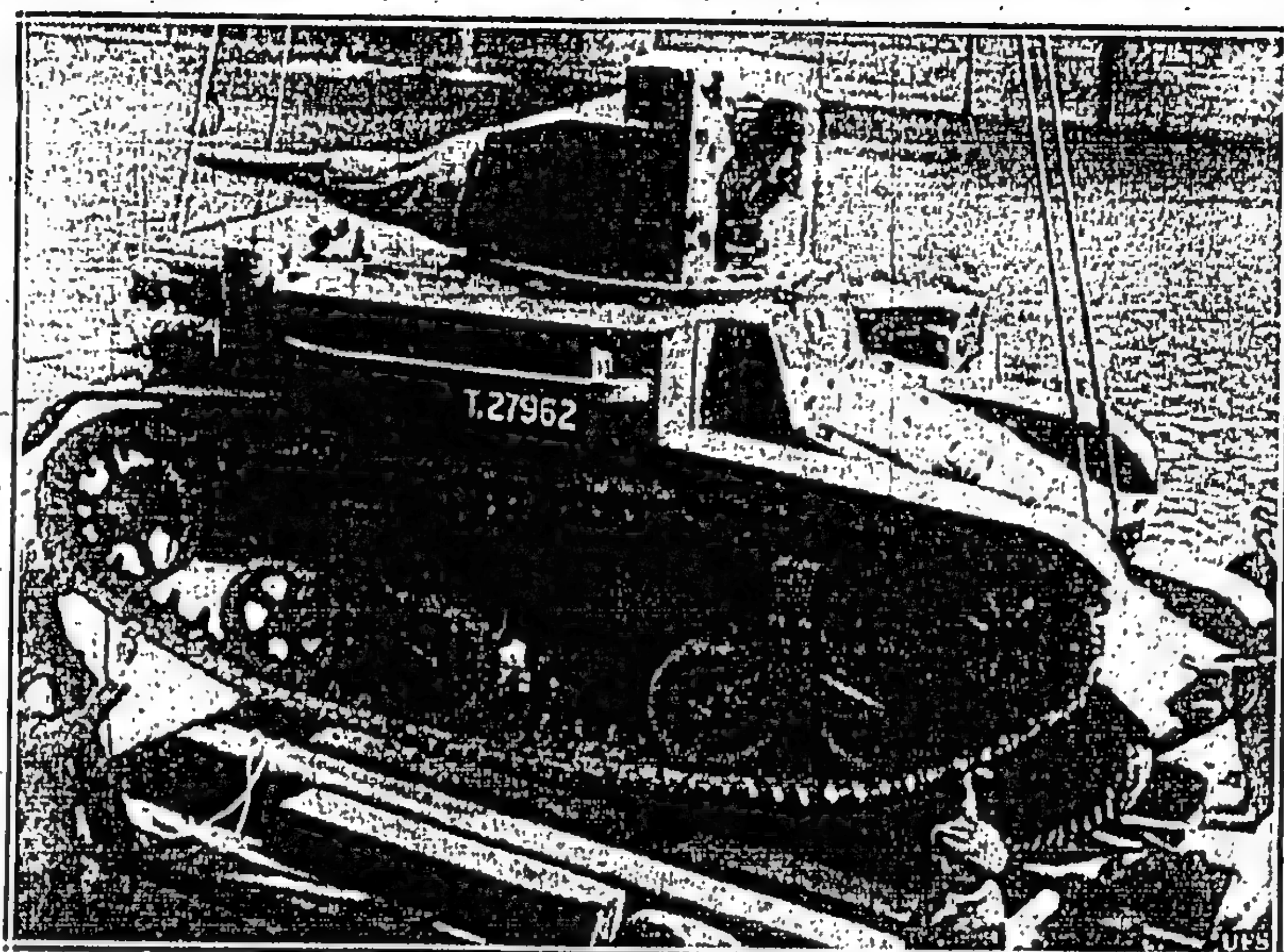
If Madame Lupescu exerts any influence on American women's fashions, it probably will be to popularise turbans.

Her favourite headpiece—an inexpensive white wrap-around turban—takes on a striking appearance, set off as it is by huge earrings and careful hairdress. She prefers light sports clothes—well-fitted to the tropical climate of Havana, where she is living.

Madame Lupescu's flashing smile won a warm reception from the hundreds who witnessed her arrival, but she may find Havana social circles less easy to capture, says a correspondent.

Even in exile it is questionable whether she will read a welcome sign on all doors to swing open for her royal companion, former King Carol of Rumania.

Social leaders who would give her a cold shoulder might find themselves in an awkward position, however, if Carol decides to entertain extensively once he and Madame Lupescu are settled in a suitable residence.



THIS ONE GOT OVER—President Roosevelt has said that the U.S. Government intends to assure war supplies to Britain. This is an American-made tank that already has arrived safely in England, after the ship carrying it dodged the Nazi menace in the Atlantic.

Jilted Nurse Brings Breach Action Against R. A. F. Officer

WITH her head bowed, a young, attractive nurse heard the breach of promise action she brought in the King's Bench Division described by Mr Justice Hilbery as "a piece of almost inconceivable folly and waste of the Court's time."

The nurse's engagement to an R. A. F. pilot lasted only a week, and was broken off by him after the wedding invitations had been sent out. A few days later, according to her counsel, the nurse had a miscarriage through the shock of the broken engagement.

Refusing to allow any general damages for the breach of promise, the judge awarded the nurse, Margery Mary Mathias, 26, of Grenville-place, South Kensington, £28 special damages for expenses incurred. She sued Flight-Lieut Derek S. Pain, 23, who appeared in court wearing the medal ribbon of the D.F.C.

Announcing his decision, the judge said he would grant Miss Mathias, who had two counsel acting for her, only such costs as would have been incurred had the case been heard before a Master in Chambers instead of in open court.

"I feel," his lordship observed, "this is a case where I can exercise my discretion, and say that the defendant has been put to unnecessary expense through the action. It is an utterly deplorable case, which should have been brought here into the limelight of publicity."

Sir Charles Doughty, K.C., for Miss Mathias, said that both the promise to marry and the breach were admitted by Flight-Lieut. Pain. The only question was the amount of damages.

Both parties were in a good position in life. Miss Mathias was the daughter of a large landowner in Pembrokeshire, where her family was well known. She was a fully qualified nurse and midwife, and was shortly leaving the country for a place abroad, where she would be doing war service.

Met at Rectory

"This unhappy story begins in February, 1940, when Miss Mathias was staying with friends at a country rectory," Sir Charles continued.

"Her friends would occasionally ask officers from a nearby aerodrome to dine with them, and one of the officers who went was Flight-Lieut. Pain."

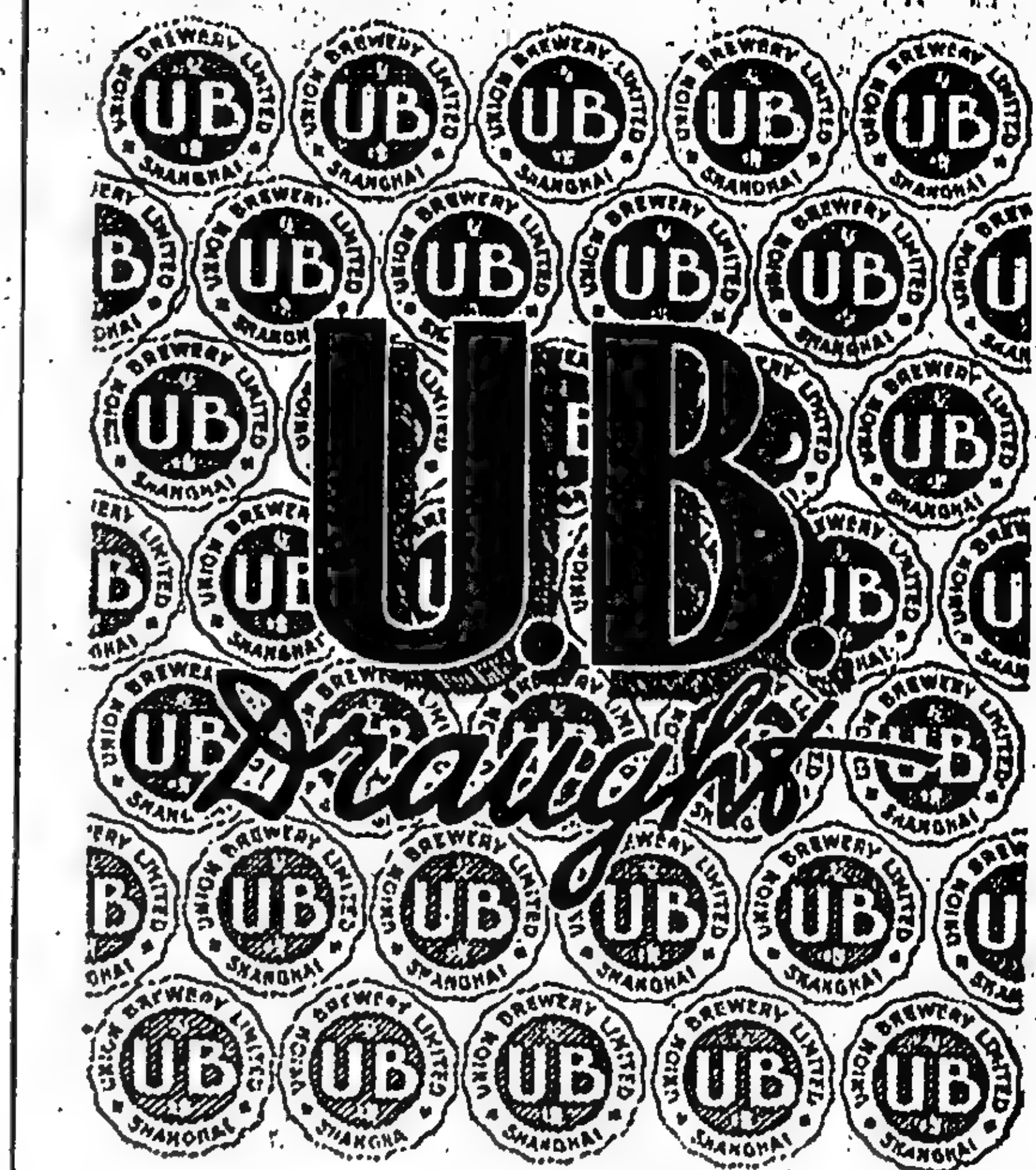
"He met Miss Mathias, was undoubtedly attracted by her, and they saw each other several times afterwards. Shortly after Easter, Miss Mathias was staying at an hotel in the neighbourhood of the station to which Pain was attached, and she wrote inviting him to dine with her. He did so, and that night visited her room, and intimacy took place."

"They stayed together the following night in an hotel, registering as 'Flight-Lieut. and Mrs Pain, and again there was intimacy."

"At this point the judge intervened and asked, 'Is your client anxious that this should be advertised to the world?' Sir Charles replied: 'It has bearing on what happened subsequently. Miss Mathias found she was pregnant, and that induced Pain's promise to marry her.'

Gave Certain Advice

Sir Charles went on to say that when Miss Mathias told Pain of her



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Russia's Merchant Fleet Is Eleventh Largest

In view of the current interest in the question of United States giving aid to Russia in the present war, the following data on the mercantile marine and the railway transportation of the U.S.S.R. has been made available by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"As of July 1, 1938, the last full pre-war year, Russia ranked 11th among the world's merchant marines in point of tonnage, having a total of 678 vessels with an approximate gross tonnage of 1,370,000 tons. This slightly exceeded the tonnage of Denmark at the time, and was surpassed by the merchant marines of Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Norway, Germany, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Greece and Sweden, in that order.

"The Soviet merchant marine included at this date eight barges, two sailing vessels, 13 combined sailing, vessels and diesel-motored ships, one combined sailing and steam ship, 503 steamers of which one were side-wheelers and 141 vessels propelled by diesel engines.

"During the four years prior to 1938, a total of 52 ships were put in operation. Of the total number of ships, only 216 were built in Russia, 143 were constructed in England, 120 in Germany, 43 in Holland and 33 in the United States. Ninety-five ships, or 36 percent of the total number, were over 20 years old in 1938, and only 18 ships were reported to have a speed exceeding 12 knots.

"After a voyage of some 4,600 miles across the Pacific requiring 15 to 10 days for ships at moderate speed, United States shipments to Vladivostok have another 5,700 miles to travel via the 5-ft. gauge double tracked trans-Siberian railway to reach Moscow. Wide gauge of the Russian railways would preclude use of existing United States rolling stock to increase transportation facilities over the land route. Capacity of the trans-Siberian railway is not revealed.

Germany's Supplies

"However, it is significant that press reports from apparently authentic sources in the Far East state that as recently as June 1941, Japan was supplying Germany, with a total of 1,500 tons of raw materials daily over the trans-Siberian route, which, of course represents only a portion of the total travel. It was reported that about 8,000 freight cars of 20 metric tons capacity each were engaged in the trade between Germany and the Far East.

"A study of the trans-Siberian railway by the Department of Commerce issued in January, 1940, noted that freight shipped from the Far East to Europe via the trans-Siberian railway was held in New York from France.

"Within a few months there will be blood in the streets of Paris," declared Henry Kahn, aged 88 years. "I saw in 1871 during the Commune after the Franco-Prussian war," he added, "what the French can do when they get mad, and they are getting mad now."

Josephine Winter, a member of the American Ambulance Corps, who was detained in a Barcelona prison for 11 days as an alleged spy, declared:

"Talk of a revolution is common throughout France, but the people are not yet able to do anything about it."

King Rations His Cigarettes

Because of the tobacco shortage in Britain, the King has had to cut down his cigarette smoking.

The Queen mentioned this when she visited a girls' hostel in Hoxton, one of the poorer districts of London.

"I don't smoke, but I know the King has cut down his smoking because of the cigarette shortage," she said.

The Queen asked the Mayor of Shoreditch (Alderman T. J. Shillito), whether he found it difficult to get cigarettes.

"Unfortunately, yes, Madam," said the Mayor.

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S



Flung From Plane, Clings To Tail

Flung out of a training plane, a U.S. Army cadet lodged on its tail and hung on until his instructor landed the plane safely at St. Louis (Illinois).

The cadet, Victor Woodrick, 23, said: "I wasn't frightened until we were on the ground. Then I realized what had happened."

"I was adjusting the belt around me when the plane dived and somersaulted me out."

"I clutched the plane's tailpiece in a grip you couldn't have broken with a crow-bar."

Kissed On First Occasion

Miss Mathias admitted that Pain kissed her on the first occasion they met, and on the second occasion they were love-making. Answering the judge, she stated that intimacy took

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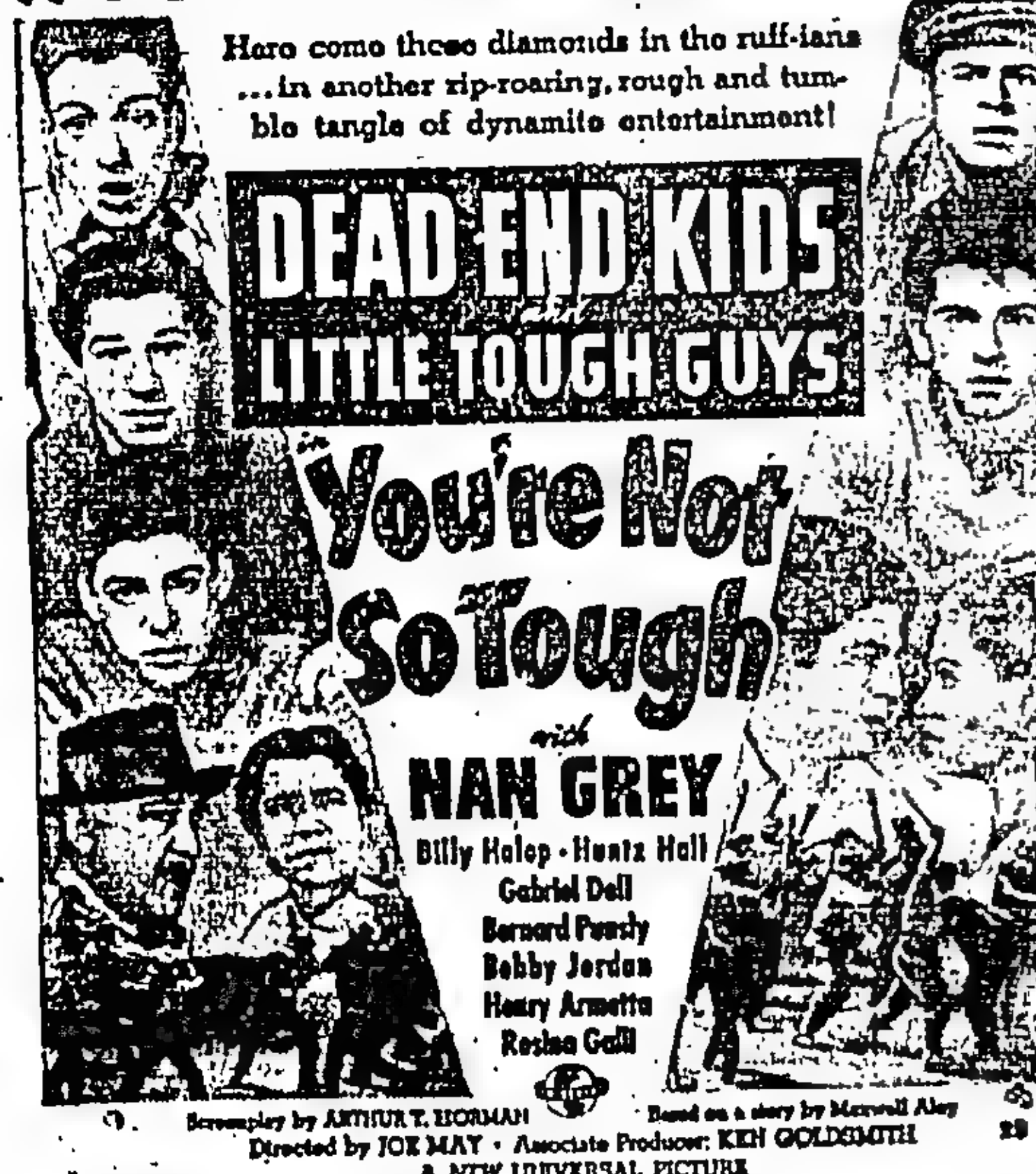


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RUSSIANS MAY FLOOD UKRAINE

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western Ukrainian front which reported violent street fighting in cities and villages.
 The "Red Star," official Red Army newspaper, reported that a cavalry regiment has outflanked Germans at a point in the "K" counter-attack at night and had destroyed two Nazi battalions.
 "Pravda" also announced the annihilation of two German battalions of the 88th Regiment of Count von Zengen's division which fought in France, Belgium and Greece.

Latest Communique

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:
 "During August 19, our troops waged battle against the enemy along the entire front, especially stubbornly in the Klingsiepp, Novgorod, Gomel and Odessa directions."
 "According to information now available, on August 17 in the course of air combats, 28 German planes were brought down and not 22 as previously reported.
 "On the night of August 17, our planes bombed Ploesti. Our fighters observed large fires and explosions."
 "On August 18, 30 German planes were brought down in the course of air combats. We lost 12 planes.
 "In the Black Sea, our bombers sank two enemy transports and set fire to another transport."

Abend Declares War Inevitable

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drift toward war by the United States.

Japan is termed the prototype of Nazi Germany—"arrogant, greedy, scornful of the rights of others, and with the temperament of a bully."
 Listing specific causes for a war which he says cannot be avoided, Mr. Abend names Japan's violation of treaties concerning China, and then argues that even under the ethical reasons the United States cannot permit Japan to be permanently successful in her campaigns of aggression and expansion. Success, he forecasts, would make Japan so powerful within two decades that American geographical safety would be endangered, "the Japanese temperament being what it is."

Cannot Turn Back

It is now impossible for Japan to reverse her policies, the article argues, not only because of the question of "face" but because no appeasement could satisfy America and Great Britain which did not include the withdrawal of Japanese armed forces from all of China, and the desertion of Japan's puppet regimes there. For economic and political reasons Japan does not dare pull home her army of more than 1,000,000 men, it is stated, for she could not give them employment nor afford a dole, and the returned armies might easily be stirred to a revolution.

Fragility of Treaties

The "Look" article argues that Japan's adherence to the German-Italian Axis pact would not deter Tokyo's opportunist statesmen if they thought they could appease America and Britain, and still keep what they have conquered. It also charges that when the time seems opportune, Japan will carelessly break her treaty of friendship, neutrality and non-aggression concluded with Soviet Russia on April 13 of this year. But Japan will not attack Russia until Hitler has first broken the Soviet power of resistance, it is prophesied. Japan's military clique, trying clumsily to play at diplomacy, have brought the Empire to the pass where its whole future is tied up with the hope of a German victory, and if Germany loses, Mr. Abend says, Japan will be so soundly beaten by the United States that her naval forces will be gone and her merchant fleet lost. She will then be an impoverished and embittered second or even third class power.

America Will Win

Mr. Abend is nevertheless confident that America will win the conflict. Victory will be followed by the transferring of most of the United States Fleet to the Atlantic. Possibly 30 submarines will be left in the China Seas to prey upon Japanese trade boats and supply ships bound for China. This will so seriously cripple the Japanese Army on the Asiatic mainland, that then General Chiang Kai-shek's armies can stage a gigantic counter-offensive, and drive them into the sea.
 Although the United States will be seeking no territorial gains by warring against Japan, the author closes by urging that at the final peace conference Japan be permanently deprived of some of that long chain of islands extending down the Pacific and into the South Seas, for so long as she holds and can fortify those islands, he argues, Japan will be "in a position to bar American trade from eastern Asia."

"The bad neighbour should be made to put up at least that much of a bond to keep the peace," Mr. Abend concludes.

Repressing Reds In France

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Government against the arrest of 16 of his followers, members of the French Populist Youth Wing of his party, for the bombing of the Vichy, Synagogue.
 M. Doriot protests that a Rabbi offered 60,000 Francs reward for the arrest of the perpetrators and said that confessions were obtained only after eleven hours of grilling.

Girl Freed From Forced Marriage

The marriage of Consuelo Fernandez, instructor at Adamson University, in the Philippines, to Francisco Genato, employee of the Cebu branch of the San Miguel Brewery, was annulled recently on the ground that it was forced and the couple did not live together after the marriage.

Miss Fernandez and Genato were married on May 3, 1939, and since that time had not lived together as man and wife. The court added that Miss Fernandez submitted to the marriage under threats and intimidation of Genato and his relatives.
 Miss Fernandez has been teaching at Adamson for the past four years. Genato did not contest the complaint filed against him.

Roosevelt Looks To 1943

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of the British party was the safety of the President and those accompanying him.

The secret was well-kept, the President said, yet the press has good reason to notice the absence of certain key figures here and in London. President Roosevelt said that newspapers should be congratulated for their restraint during what he called a black-out week.

He added that even now the place of meeting could not be divulged and perhaps could not be until after the war.

Halifax In Montreal

MONTREAL, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—"It might be very useful for President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill to meet from time to time if the war goes on," said Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador to the United States, who arrived here to-day on a brief visit.

Lord Halifax was replying to a question whether he thought the Churchill-Roosevelt conference was the first of a series between the two men.
 Asked what he meant by "if war goes on," Lord Halifax declared, "It is two years nearer its end than when it started."

Lord Halifax had earlier described the United States reaction to the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting as generally favourable.

The British Ambassador lunched with Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, chief of the organisation handling planes "ferried" from the United States.

Leaves Police To Join R.A.F.

A. H. Tilton, deputy in charge of the Criminal Branch of the Western Shanghai Special Police, will leave Shanghai shortly in order to join the Royal Air Force.
 Prior to his transfer to the Western District Police, Mr. Tilton was a detective-inspector of the Shanghai Municipal Police. He went to Shanghai in 1927 at the time of the Nationalist Revolution, joined the Criminal Branch and has been connected with that department for the past fourteen years.
 He is a native of Portsmouth, England, where he received his early training.
 He has had previous experience as an air pilot.

LATE NEWS

GERMAN CITIES AGAIN BOMBED

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stroyed by R.A.F. fighters in offensive operations over Northern France this morning, it is learned.
 Six R.A.F. fighters are missing but the pilots of two are safe.

Losses on Both Sides

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Three British bombers and 12 fighters were lost during extensive operations over the Channel and Northern France to-day.
 Coastal shipping off Ostend and off the Dutch coast and targets at Hazebrouck were among the objectives of the raid.

Rescues in Channel

LONDON, Aug. 19 (British Wireless).—The rescue of R.A.F. pilots are described in an Air Ministry account of to-day's fighter sweep over Northern France.

The pilots of two R.A.F. planes are safe. Both were rescued by the Air-Sea Rescue Service. One of these pilots is a Belgian who shot down a Messerschmitt yesterday. He climbed into his rubber dingy when he came down in the water and was picked up an hour later.

Raid-Free Day

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—After a day free from enemy activity over Britain, bombs were dropped on a southeast coast town soon after dark to-day. There were only two casualties—one serious.

FLEET AIR ARM SMASHES CONVOY

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following day showed that it had been launched at Lampedusa Island. The ship was then attacked by Blenheims of the R.A.F. and a direct hit with a heavy bomb set it on fire, with volumes of black smoke pouring from it.

Libya Raided

In Libya, heavy bombers of the R.A.F. raided Benghazi and Tripoli during the night of August 17-18. At Benghazi, the harbour and shipping were attacked. Bombs were observed to burst on the bases of Juliana, the Cathedral and Central mosque and on railway sidings. An explosion and several fires resulted.

At Tripoli, the harbour was bombed. Hits on the Spanish Mole and fort caused a number of explosions.

Repelled By Tomahawks
 An attempt by a large force of Messerschmitt 109's and 110's to attack shipping off the Egyptian coast yesterday was foiled by Tomahawk fighters of the R.A.F. which gave combat to the 109's and compelled the 110's to drop their bombs some miles from the target.

Abyssinia
 In the Wolcheff, Debarech and Gondar areas of Abyssinia, aircraft of the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force have been co-operating in machine-gunning and bombing enemy positions. Direct hits were scored on huts and buildings and the Fascist Headquarters was destroyed. A number of fires were started.

Operating off Malta, a Hurricane aircraft intercepted and shot down a Caproni seaplane.

From all these operations, two aircraft are missing.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

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will have to be reckoned with even if the Germans succeed in obtaining possession of the whole bend.

The question of Russian resistance is largely a question of the reinforcements at Marshal Budenny's disposal. He has shown remarkable skill in extricating his men from encirclement and the German thrust must be losing vigour with every mile of its progress.

Nazis All Out

It is clear, however, that the High Command is "all out" for a decisive victory before the weather breaks and puts an intolerable strain on their lines of communication.

The Russians have shown astonishing skill in evading being cornered in a position from which there is no issue. They have practised elastic defence in a most subtle form and have given ground in exchange for heavy losses.

Economic Pressure Makes Japan Squirm

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tions coming to an end and he has not been replaced.

Duff Cooper's Planes

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, who is on his way to the Far East on a special mission for the British Government, told reporters here that he plans to visit Batavia in the near future to discuss collaboration with N.E.K. officials.

He will also probably go to Australia.

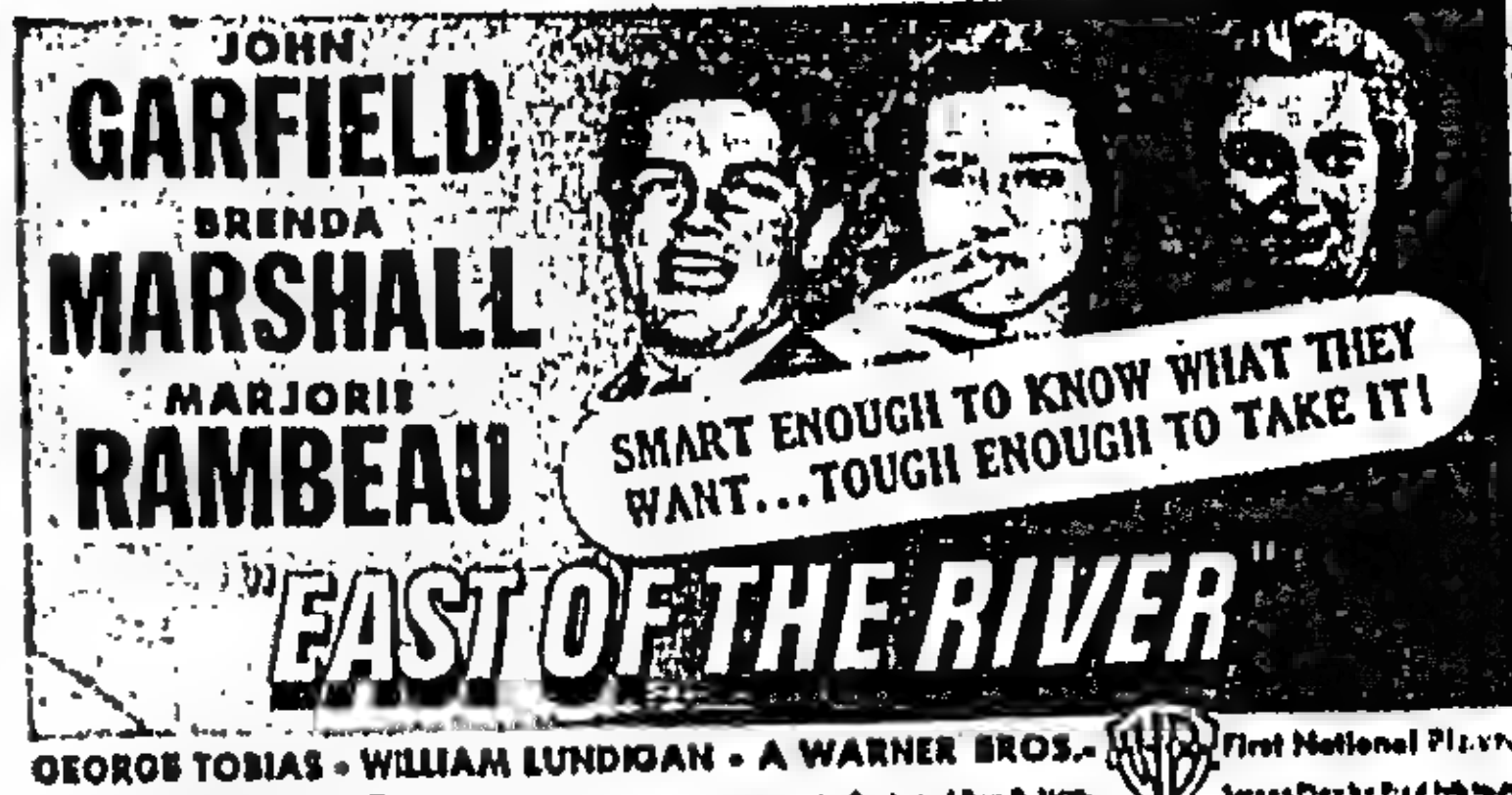
He leaves San Francisco on August 26, reaching Singapore on September 2. "My mission," he said, "has two phases; firstly, a fact-finding inquiry which will be followed by a report to the British Government; secondly, the possible execution of plans submitted by me."

"The aim of my Batavia visit would be to try and find a basis for a more direct exchange of views. At the same time I wish to point out that my mission was decided on before the present Far Eastern crisis developed and is not directed against Japan."

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Nazis Assume Control Of Vital Frontier Railways

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NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (UP).—A dispatch from Rome to-day disclosed that the German army and secret police authorities have assumed control of all railway passenger traffic between Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain.

The message did not indicate at which point along the Swiss frontier the Germans had established control, but indicated that the Germans might have re-routed trains so that they will pass through the German occupied zone into France to Switzerland and Italy.

PETAIN ANNOUNCES FINAL DECISION

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROYAT, Aug. 19 (UP).—Addressing the Council of State to-day Marshal Petain reiterated his intention of crushing all opposition to the National revolution.

Grave Words Of President

Inventory Of Help

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day said that the meeting with Mr. Churchill would increase United States assistance to the democracies which might extend through 1943 if necessary to check Nazi aggression.

He asserted that the United States and Britain are taking an inventory of army and navy production needs and actual deliveries to be ready in late summer, which will enable close co-operation of America's war production machine with the needs of Britain, Russia, and China.

He said that Americans must awake quickly to the fact that the country is involved in a situation from which they can escape only if the war is won. Many of the people of the world have not awakened to the fact which Abraham Lincoln expressed by the declaration "they have a war to win." He explained that he was using the quotation from Lincoln because the situation is now "after all, parallel" with that during the Civil War.

Churchill Not Pessimistic

Asked if Mr. Churchill was confident of ultimate victory, the President refused to answer but left no doubt that Mr. Churchill was far from being pessimistic.

The President would not discuss the situation in the Far East and said that no decision had as yet been made on sending a mission to Moscow.

JAPANESE LOSE 2,000 MEN

CHUNGKING, Aug. 20 (Central News).—Over 2,000 casualties have been suffered by Japanese troops who ventured out from Sinyang, in south Honan. The main body is now retreating to Sinyang, while stragglers south of Pingchangkwan, Pangyangtai and Hoshan have been "mopped up" by the Chinese.

On the Hupeh front, Chinese troops are pressing toward Tsienkang, at the confluence of the Han and Tung Ching Rivers, after repulsing a Japanese drive southward along the banks of the latter.

Intelligence reports state that some of the Japanese in Tsienkang have retreated to Yokow, on the north bank of the Han River.

On the night of August 8, the Chinese opened an attack at Heng-tou-shan, 40 miles southeast of Wuhu, on the south bank of the Yangtze River in Anhwei. They recovered the place the following morning, and pressing onward, regained Tungmen-tu the next day. The Japanese retreated to Wanchih, 23 miles south of Wuhu.

SLAVS IN U.S.A. TO FOREGATHER

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—An American All-Slav conference has been called for early October, announced Moscow Radio in a new series of popular feature broadcasts to America entitled "As a Moscow Yankee Sees It."

The speaker said that Slavs in America had listened with great emotion to the appeal from Moscow for an All-Slav conference. It will lead American Slavs to unite their efforts.

STUBBORN RED ARMY HOLDS NAZIS AT BAY IN "DUNKIRK" EPIC

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, AUG. 19 (UP).—GERMAN SOURCES HERE REPORT THAT THE GERMAN ARMIES HAVE CAPTURED FOUR BRIDGES OVER THE DNIPEER RIVER AND HAVE ESTABLISHED FOUR BRIDGEHEADS WHICH, THEY CONTEND, WILL BE VITAL IN THE NEXT PHASE OF THE FIGHTING IN THE UKRAINE.

ODESSA CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT ALTHOUGH ENCIRCLED BY RUMANIAN TROOPS BACKED BY GERMAN ARTILLERY.

Defended by natural lagoons of the Dniester and Gadshibkeski, Odessa can be attacked only from the northeast but strong Russian forces south of Traspol are fulfilling their mission of holding off the Germans and Rumanians during the embarkation of the Russian southern army on all sorts of vessels which are being sent to Odessa from all Black Sea ports and which are reforming the army and material between Odessa, Perekop and Sebastopol, exactly as the Allies did at Dunkirk.

Latest

LENINGRAD THRUST AT ITS PEAK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 20 (UP).—According to the "London Telegraph" Marshal Budenny blew up five bridges spanning the Dniester and has succeeded in consolidating new positions on the east bank while a "suicide" army of rear guards is resisting bitterly on the west bank.

General von Leeb's offensive against Leningrad reached its peak strength to-day and under terrific pressure Marshal Voroshilov is withdrawing his armies inside the first ring of Leningrad's defenses.

It is believed that the intensity of the German offensive will be maintained for a fortnight. The German panzer divisions have easy terrain between the Luca river and Leningrad which is open flat country with few forests, but the whole area is studded with fortifications and minefields behind which stand a million and a half men.

Hermann Still In Favour?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—An official report from Bucharest reaching London states that Marshal Goering is now stationed at the German eastern general headquarters co-ordinating the movements of the various armies fighting on the eastern front with full right to make decisions.

Elliot Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The American Embassy to-day stated that Elliot Roosevelt son of the President, has arrived in London for a short stay on military business.

Abend Declares U.S.-Japan War Inevitable

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (By Clipper from Central News).—"War between the United States and Japan is just as inevitable as was war between Great Britain and Germany, and for the same reason it is impossible indefinitely to maintain good relations with a bad neighbour." This is the prophecy made in a widely publicised article by Mr. Hallett Abend, former Far East correspondent of the "New York Times," which appeared yesterday in the magazine "Look."

For a week in nightly nationwide broadcast "Look" has been advertising this feature, which has been termed the most blighting indictment of Japan yet to appear in any American periodical.

Mr. Abend's article says that, broadly speaking, the fact of Herr Hitler being a bad neighbour is the cause of the present chaos in Europe, and that Japan's being a bad neighbour is responsible for the inevitable

According to French sources, everything of military, industrial or maritime value at Nikolaijev was dynamited by the Russians who laid the important port waste. Docks were wholly destroyed and the port may be useless for many weeks.

The French consider, however, that the road to the Crimea is open although there is still a considerable distance to the Caucasian oil fields and they point out that while the winter rains and snows are barely 15 days off, there is no reason why the fighting cannot continue throughout the winter along the Black Sea coast.

There is no official estimate of the Russian dead or wounded available in Berlin but informed circles mention a total of 3,500,000 Russian dead and wounded.

Whirlwind Conquest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Germans have claimed a whirlwind conquest of all western Ukraine in 60 days of fighting, additionally reporting that Nazi forces in the north have reached the "outer ring" of Leningrad's fortifications.

It is officially claimed that all of the Ukraine west of the Dniester river—an area three times the size of blitzkrieged Belgium—with the exception of Kiev and the Black Sea

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LATEST

H.E. Leaving Early Sept.

It is authoritatively learned that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, expects to leave Hongkong during the first week in September.

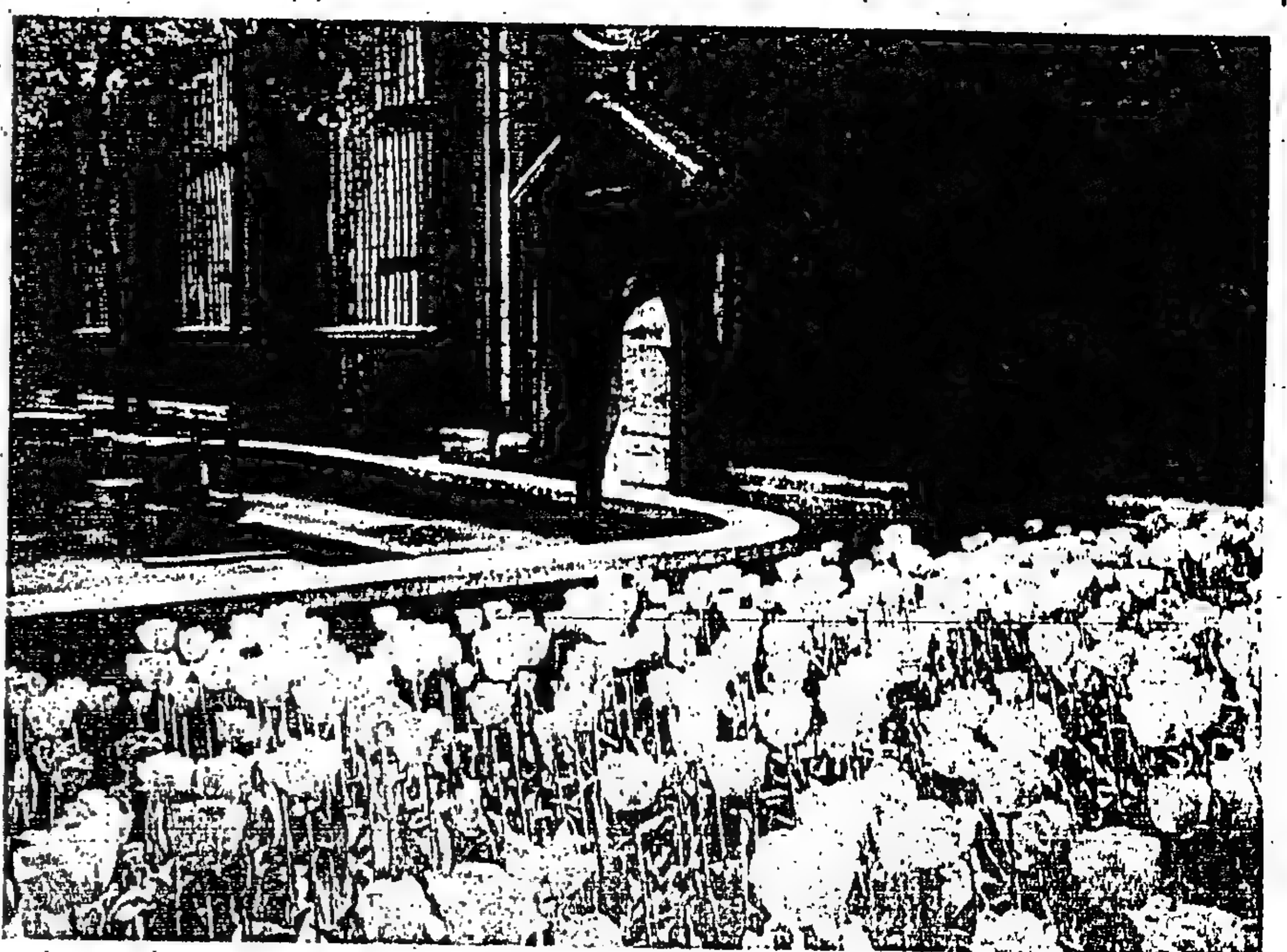
It is not known for certain whether the new Governor, Sir Mark Young, will arrive before Sir Geoffrey leaves, although present indications are that he will.

Lady Northcote may possibly join Sir Geoffrey in Hongkong just prior to the Governor's departure.

Japanese Army Throws Challenge

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 20 (UP).—The Japanese Army's organ "Shin Shun Pao" said in an editorial that Japan will not change the basic policy—southward expansion—despite the Roosevelt-Churchill declarations and said "unless the status quo is overturned the maintenance of peace is impossible. Japanese policy will not be changed on account of these declarations but will be carried out even if the United States participates in the war."



FLEET AIR ARM SMASHES HALF AN ENEMY CONVOY

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Half of an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean was sunk, beached or set on fire as the result of an attack by the Fleet Air Arm on Sunday night. A communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East states:

ITALY'S EIGHT POINTS

FRATERNAL PEACE!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Aug. 19 (UP).—Signor Roberto Farinacci, writing in his Cremona newspaper "Regime Fascista," published Italy's eight points against the Roosevelt-Churchill eight points.

Farinacci declared, "The war will continue until our eight points triumph. These points are:

- (1) Europe for Europeans;
- (2) Put the Jews—who are responsible for the present conflict—in such a condition that they will not be able to do any more harm;
- (3) Guarantee our people all necessary raw materials by materially possessing them;
- (4) The freedom of the seas—sending away all those who were and are our jailers from points of obligatory passage;
- (5) Work will replace the slavery of gold;
- (6) Destroy plutocracy and Bolshevism which are plagues of humanity;
- (7) The triumph of Christianity, free from all impostors;
- (8) Reach fraternal peace among nations by Axis political deals."

Modern Air Bases For Generalissimo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Aug. 19 (UP).—A "Messaggero" dispatch, under a Peking date-line, declares that the United States and Britain will shortly build fourteen modern air bases for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek somewhere in the Kiangsi and Shensi provinces.

The paper stated that British technicians have already arrived in Kiangsi and Shensi and that the new air bases, which will be the most modern in Asia, will be built with materials shipped from the United States at the cost of the Chinese Government.

NATURE'S REPLY TO NAZI BOMBS

Hitler's bombs may destroy beautiful churches, historic buildings and the people's homes, but England's flowers continue to lift their heads proudly in defiance of the aerial blitz. This typical scene shows the tulips in the churchyard of the famous church of St. Bride's, which has been heavily damaged by bombs.

Soviet-China Staff Talks Impending

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—Usually reliable sources to-day confirmed that General Cheng Chen is going to Moscow from Chungking which is believed to foreshadow Sino-Soviet staff talks which may result in the conclusion of a mutual assistance pact between Russia and Free China.

General Cheng Chen is one of the Generalissimo's most trusted and intimate military and political advisers and is also Vice-Minister of one of several Chinese War Departments.

Mail Lost At Sea

The Postmaster General announces that letters by surface route for United Kingdom, via United States of America, posted in Hongkong between May 3 and 11, 1941, have been lost by enemy action.

Aircraft Spending Angers Investigating Committee

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—All members of the Air sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Select Committee on National Expenditure resigned en masse to-day as a protest against the decision by the full Committee not to submit to Parliament the sub-Committee's report on the "serious waste of millions of public money."

The Air sub-Committee was composed of Conservatives Sir Adam Maitland and Mr. F. Higgs and Labourites Mr. William Leach and Mr. Ammon. Considerable feeling regarding air expenditure has been frequently

manifested in the House of Commons in recent months. The Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Moore Brabazon, seemingly in recognition of this, recently assured questioners that Government has no intention of negotiating new price schedules for Society Aircraft Construction (popularly known as the "ring") but for the entire industry.

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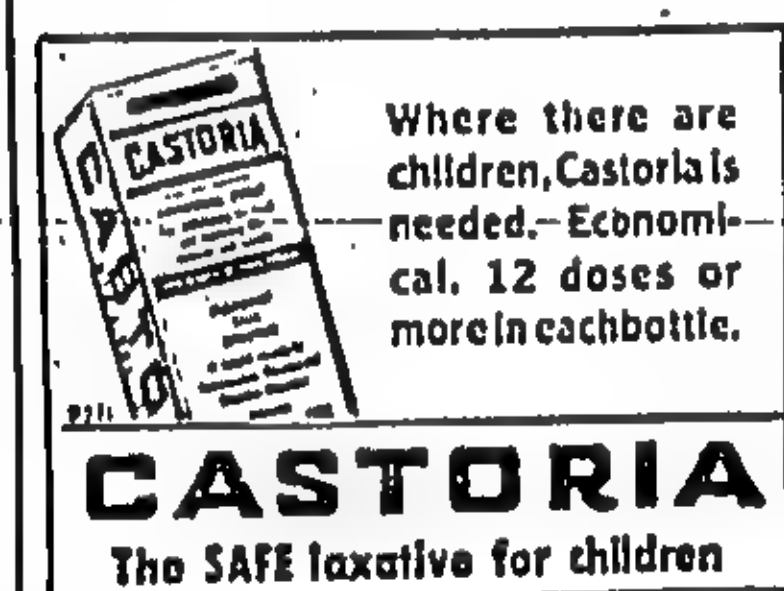
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DIG FOR VICTORY

IN Britain they have been, and increasingly are, digging for victory. There is no obvious reason why Hongkong should not follow suit, especially in view of the reiterated hints from official and unofficial quarters that one of the main problems in the event of an emergency will be to keep Hongkong fed. The Colony can perform a considerable amount of self-help in this respect.

Without doubt there are hundreds of detached and semi-detached houses both on the island and mainland which at the present moment are yielding little but flowers and plots of green lawn—some neat and becoming, others wholly unkempt and untidy. These could, and should, be put to better use; there is tremendous utility value in such ground; it could grow enough vegetables for most of the year to keep the tenants independent of imported produce.

And should there be any doubt as to what the Colony's soil (properly fertilised, of course) can produce, the imposing list is herewith produced: asparagus, dwarf and climbing beans, beet, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, endive, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, onion, parsley, parsnip, peas, radish, rhubarb, spinach, sprouting broccoli, sweet corn, tomato, and turnip. Further immediate encouragement for growing home produce in this time of vital necessity is provided by the knowledge that August is the best month for sowing both dwarf and climbing beans, cauliflower, celery, leeks, radish, sprouting broccoli and tomato, while next month is also an excellent time for growing the above mentioned vegetables, plus beet, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrot, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsley, parsnip, peas, and turnip.

Garden soil in many parts of the Colony is not naturally endowed with richness necessary for producing crops, but fertilisation is cheap, and supplies are plentiful. Every encouragement officially should be given to garden owners to develop their land to the most fruitful advantage;

GUARDING ICELAND AGAINST THE NAZIS

Now that the United States has sent an occupation force to Iceland, it would seem to be mandatory that sufficient naval units be maintained there to guard against the possibility of a German naval raid.

Germany has one battleship, the Tirpitz. The battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and one heavy cruiser, believed to be the Prinz Eugen, are at Brest, France, under repairs received in bombings by the RAF. They might be available at any time.

For raids in the Atlantic, Germany also has two pocket battleships, four 10,000-ton heavy cruisers with eight-inch guns and 10 smaller six-inch gun cruisers.

This sizable fleet, in case it should decide to raid Iceland accompanied by a large air force, must be reckoned

By Rear Admiral YATES STIRLING

United Press Naval Critic

with seriously by the United States Navy. A naval force in Iceland adequate to meet such an emergency must consist of at least five battleships, 15 or 20 cruisers, several aircraft carriers, from 30 to 50 destroyers, and a substantially large land-based air force.

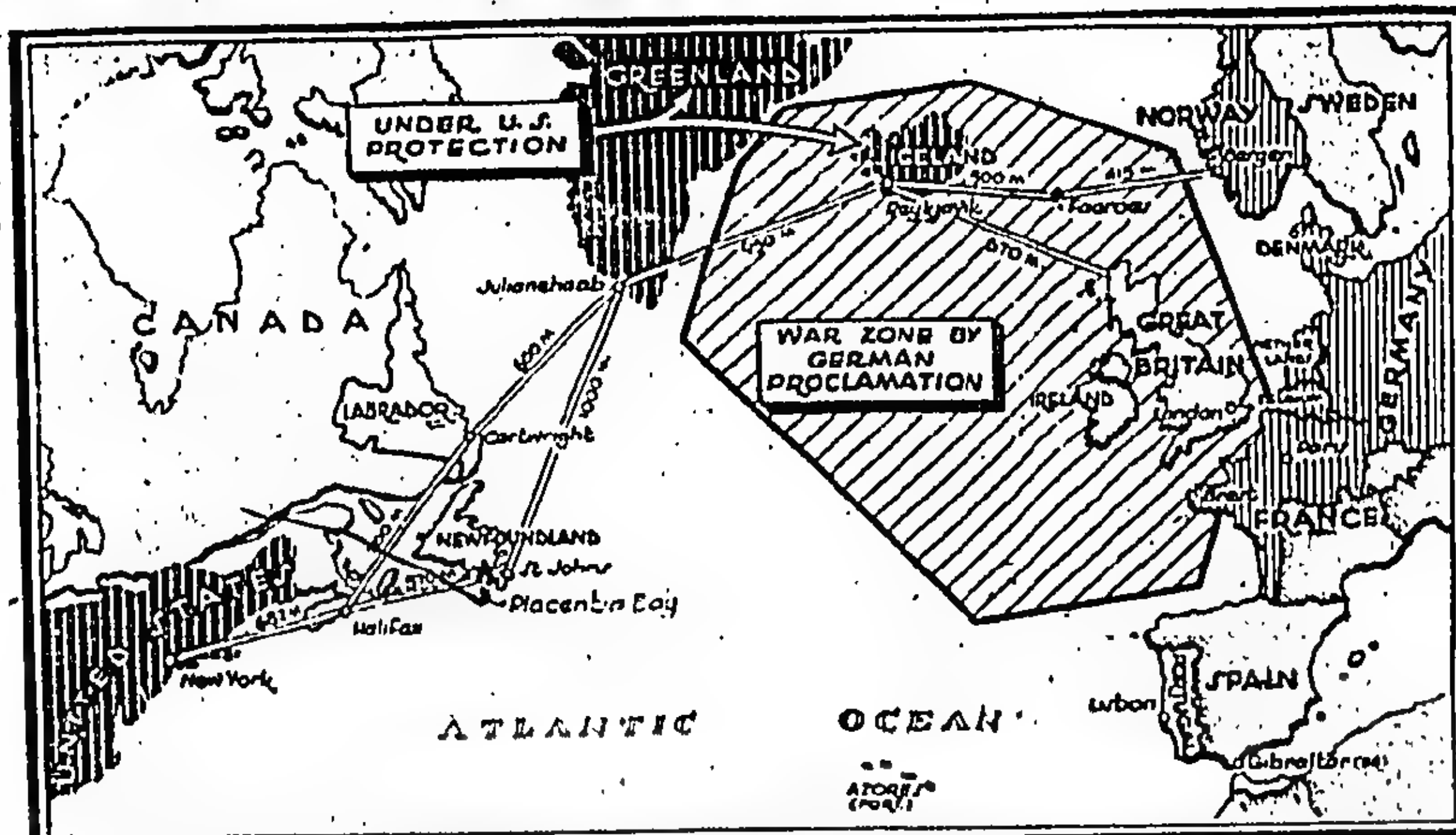
The United States fleet in Iceland must be large enough to meet in an open fight any German raid from Europe, for it must be remembered that an inferior fleet, like the second best hand at poker, will lose heavily in a battle on the sea. America cannot afford to risk a defeat in which a majority of its warships would be lost, and that is the fate of an inferior fleet.

In addition to surface warships in Iceland, the United States should maintain a full-sized flotilla of its best submarines. These will be urgently needed by the surface fleet in any battle with the German navy, which navy would be supported by a number of its long-range submarines.

Thus it is evident that the taking over of Iceland by the United States has involved the country in a major naval effort. The nation should be cautioned against a policy of too few and too late naval preparations to hold the island. That it will lead to a shooting war with Germany will depend upon what Hitler decides to do to make that occupancy dangerous or even untenable. The United States must count upon Hitler using the greatest effort to dislodge and defeat the American Navy to bolster German morale. America must be prepared with competent naval forces to check Hitler whenever he strikes.

Inexpensive handbooks on the best methods of growing vegetables might be issued by the Botanical and Forestry Department and made available to members of the public who are ignorant of gardening and who do not employ professional gardeners.

For a not inconsiderable proportion of Hongkong's population to make itself self-supporting with home-grown vegetables would be a real ostrich feather to put in our caps!



The ostensible reason for occupying Iceland, apart from relieving British troops there and guarding the northern supply route to Britain, is to safeguard it from German seizure. The United States could not afford to overlook the strategic value to Germany if that nation seized it and made out of it a formidable base for submarines and aeroplanes. Whereas United States warships based in America would have required from 140 to 185 hours to reach Iceland, German naval units could have made the trip from Norway in from 30 to 40 hours.

It is not at all a new idea that

WORLD'S OLDEST REPUBLIC

By MERRIMAN SMITH
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Iceland is the world's oldest republic. The island, built almost entirely on volcanic rocks, was first colonised by Norsemen. Its government was an independent republic from 930 to 1263, when it joined Norway. Both countries came under Danish rule in 1381.

When Norway separated from Denmark in 1814, Iceland remained under Denmark. Iceland gained recognition as a sovereign state in 1918, although the Danish king also was its monarch. After Denmark was occupied by Germany the Icelandic Parliament met on May 16, 1941, and dissolved the union with Denmark.

The country covers an area of about 40,000 square miles; not more than one-fourth the area is habitable. The population is almost entirely of pure Scandinavian stock. The people of Iceland are principally farmers and fishermen. Fish and fish products constitute about 85 percent of all exports. The short Arctic summers limit agriculture to crops of hay and potatoes. Because of large areas of grasslands, however, sheep raising is an important activity.

The weather in Iceland is moderate because the huge island lies in the gulf stream.

The principal harbour is at the capital, Reykjavik, which has a population of 36,100. Reykjavik is on the west coast of Iceland, hence its harbour is not materially affected by the floating ice and remains open most of the year.

The country is about the size of the state of Kentucky and is an island of rugged mountains and lava fields, and even glaciers in the northern portions. High plateau slopes from the mountains to the lowlands along the coasts.

Iceland has a potential waterpower of 2,500,000 horsepower, but as yet this power has not been harnessed. Thermal springs abound throughout the island, serving to heat many of the buildings in the capital.

The United States has always been a good customer of Iceland, buying large quantities of cod liver oil. American trade with Iceland before the current war was largely by trans-shipment to Hamburg and Copenhagen, but in November, 1939, direct shipping connections were established.

Principal exports of the country besides fish and mutton are wool, sheepskins, horses and elderdown. Iceland's export trade in 1939 amounted to \$12,294,000, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Imports for the same year were \$10,879,000.



AMERICANS TAKE OVER—Uncle Sam's Marines have landed in Iceland for duration of war, to forestall German occupation of island and to assure delivery of American munitions to Britain. British formerly occupied island, as shown by these troops erecting gun emplacements at strategic points. Island is 2,500 miles from New York; 2,700 from Berlin.

Roosevelt Looks To 1943

Long-Range View Of The War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The war would continue through 1943 if necessary and Britain and the United States would make a survey of needs and production through that year, stated President Roosevelt today.

The President told a press conference that that was one of the subjects discussed at the luncheon meeting with Lord Beaverbrook.

President Roosevelt told reporters that he thought his conference with Mr. Churchill would result in what one newspaperman called more punch in helping the democracies of the world.

Meeting Arrangements
Discussing the arrangements preceding the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting, President Roosevelt said that from the American end the whole idea was to assure the security and safety of Mr. Churchill and his staff.

The joke was, he said, that it was later found that the principal anxiety of the British party was the safety of the President and those accompanying him.

The secret was well-kept, the President said, yet the press has found reason to notice the absence of certain key figures here and in London.

President Roosevelt said that newspapers should be congratulated for their restraint during what he called a black-out week.

He added that even now the fourth of meeting could not be divulged and perhaps could not be until after the war.

Halifax In Montreal
MONTREAL, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—“It might be very useful for President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill to meet from time to time if the war goes on,” said Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador to the United States, who arrived here today on a brief visit.

Lord Halifax was replying to a question whether he thought the Churchill-Roosevelt conference was the first of a series between the two men.

Asked what he meant by “if the war goes on,” Lord Halifax declared, “It is two years nearer its end than when it started.”

Lord Halifax had earlier described the United States reaction to the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting as generally favourable.

The British Ambassador lunched with Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, chief of the organisation handling planes “ferried” from the United States.

MORE COLOURFUL DETAILS OF HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Bit by bit, the story of Mr. Churchill's tour is being pieced together. The Prime Minister joined the train for the departure port somewhere between London and the train's destination and with him were the Chiefs of the Imperial General Staff, the Naval General Staff and Air Force as well as Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office.

The party was deposited at a northern port and embarked in a destroyer, the personnel of which, till that moment, had no idea of the party to be conveyed.

Soon the Prime Minister and his Chiefs were transferred to the Prince of Wales, which there was some astonishment. Even the officers in the Prince of Wales, apart from the Captain, were not aware of the journey on which they were about to embark. They knew, however, that they were taking distinguished passengers and had even organised a sweepstake as to their destination.

Of many guesses made, two officers hit upon the right answer. One predicted that they were taking the Prime Minister to meet President Roosevelt; and the other that they were taking Mr. Harry Hopkins—who was already in the Prince of Wales—across the Atlantic. Both being right, they shared a “bumper kiddy.”

Rough Seas
The weather at the start of the voyage was bad but Mr. Churchill was in fine fettle and appeared to enjoy the rough seas. In such a vast ship, it would take a long time to send a messenger from one part to another and to facilitate communication, microphones were installed. When Mr. Churchill called for the detective Inspector Thomson, his voice could be heard booming through the ship.

After dinner several films were shown including “Lady Hamilton,” which Mr. Churchill saw for the fourth time. When the picture ended, Mr. Churchill turned to the officers and, referring to the Battle of Trafalgar, he said: “I thought that it would interest you gentlemen, some of whom have so recently been under fire of the enemy in a matter of equal historic importance.”

The Prince of Wales, it will be recalled, took part in the chase of the Bismarck.

Aboard Augusta
When the rendezvous was reached, Mr. Churchill went aboard the American cruiser Augusta and came face to face with President Roosevelt. He handed the President a letter from the King—then they quickly settled down to business. Nevertheless, the President found time during the day to send over a present to every man in the Prince of Wales of a carton containing 20 cigarettes, an apple, an orange, a banana and half a pound of cheese—a thought which was tremendously appreciated on board the British ship.

For the greater part of the time, the President and Mr. Churchill were alone and in the meantime conferences went on between the heads of the services, sometimes in the American ship and sometimes in the Prince of Wales.

President At Service
The only time that President Roosevelt went aboard the Prince of Wales was on Sunday when he attended Divine Service and lunched with the Prime Minister.

There was not a single untoward incident during the outward journey and there was no sign whatever of enemy craft at any kind.

Icelanders' Impression
LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's successful visit to Iceland is the subject of many leading articles in the Reykjavik press. One daily newspaper says that it was most appropriate that the smallest democratic nation in the world should be the first visited by the British Prime Minister after his historic conference with President Roosevelt.

The Reykjavik correspondent of the Norwegian telegraph agency says that no foreign statesman visiting Iceland had ever been so enthusiastically welcomed. Mr. Churchill won all hearts.

During a military parade, a detachment from the Norwegian forces, although numerically small, attracted great attention owing to their erect bearing and hard appearance. Norwegian forces in Iceland

Quezon's Birthday Pledge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Greetings were exchanged today in a two-way radio broadcast between Mr. Quezon, President of the Philippines, and Mr. Henry Wallace, Vice-President of the United States.

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Smuts Back From East
Happy Impressions
PRETORIA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—“On the whole I bring back a happy impression both of our men and the general situation, but always with this strong feeling—that we are up against it this time,” declared Marshal Smuts when interviewed on his return from Egypt.

He said that the Germans in Libya were much more formidable than the Italians had been, but he was optimistic. It was full of Germans who had the advantage of being able to travel shorter distances to the Libyan front, but he expected that these difficulties would be overcome by the Allies.

Using Up Machine
Russian resistance was using up a large part of the German war machine but some of this machine would remain.

Marshal Smuts said that if the Germans had failed to invade Britain a year ago when Britain was weak, there was little likelihood of a successful attack on Britain now. The chances were that the Germans would strike at the Mediterranean basin—the only area in which they could fight.

“We are facing not Italy this time, but more formidable odds,” said the Marshal. “The Germans have enormous resources to fling against us.”

He added that he had never seen the South Africans in a better mood. They were among the best-trained troops in the Middle East and the South African Air Force had built up an unequalled reputation.

Co-operation Of Indians

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, made the following statement regarding the recent invitation to Indian Provincial Premiers to join India's newly-constituted National Defence Council:

“The Prime Ministers of all provinces in which the working of the Constitution has been uninterrupted were invited by the Viceroy to join the National Defence Council in their capacity as Prime Ministers and regardless of their personal, Party or communal affiliations.”

NAZIS' CHEAP CAR DISPLAYED

CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The “volkswagen”—people's car for which millions of Germans paid but never received—appeared in Cairo streets today flying the Union Jack above the Swastika.

The car was captured in Libya by the Indian cavalry. It was fitted out as a repair vehicle. It seats three and the engine develops nine horsepower. From its construction, it is obvious that it was never intended for civilian use.

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Commitments Debated By Senators

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The sixth point in the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration made an “offensive and defensive alliance” between the two countries and involved a commitment that might take the United States into the war.

This was stated by Senator Johnson in the course of a sharp debate in the Senate, precipitated by the denial by Senator Barkley that the possibility of sending a United States Expeditionary Force to help Britain invade the Continent was either “discussed, intimated or even hinted at” at yesterday's President Roosevelt's conference with Congressional leaders.

Pertinent Question
Senator Clark asked Senator Barkley if it would have been an “act of war” if the British battleship Prince of Wales had been bombed while President Roosevelt, his sons and the American Army and Navy Chiefs and other United States officials were aboard.

He added: “Did Senator Barkley think that the President had deliberately put himself in a position where an act of war might have been committed?”

Senator Barkley replied that if an enemy plane or warship had bombed or destroyed the Prince of Wales while the President was aboard or the Augusta alongside it, it “might have created a situation that would have excited the American people and caused some difficulty with a foreign power.”

He added that the President was “willing to undergo the risk, if it was a risk” of boarding a belligerent warship in order to give the world the joint declaration that grew out of the conference.

China's Endorsement
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull today received the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Hu Shih who formally announced China's endorsement of the Roosevelt-Churchill eight point post-war programme.

Mr. Hull was gratified at this announcement and also recalled the highly favourable world reaction to the Roosevelt-Churchill declarations.

Mr. Hull said that he had received no further information germane to the United States-Vichy relations.

M. Oumansky, the Russian Ambassador, is scheduled to confer with Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State this afternoon.

Extent Of Soviet Arms Requirements

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The question of United States credits to Russia was raised at the Press Conference held today by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, according to the “Washington Dispatch” to the Dow Jones Agency.

Mr. Hull conceded the difficulty of Russia paying on the spot for more than \$400,000,000 worth of materials since the Soviet Union had only that amount in the United States. He recalled, however, that Russia had stated that all purchases would be paid for and said that the question of extending credits to Russia was up to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Federal Loan Administration.

As against only \$40 million held by Russia in the United States, the Soviet requests for equipment are but as high as over \$1,000 million by some reports.

Joe Louis And Wife To Make It Up
CHICAGO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—While the divorce suit hearing was proceeding, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, suddenly announced that he and his wife were ready to patch up their marital difficulties and forget about the divorce suit.

After their discussion during the divorce suit hearing, Joe Louis emerged and announced that all differences between them were forgiven. A divorce lawyer will now ask for a dismissal of Mrs. Louis's suit, it is announced.

Gallantry In Mid. East

Decorations Awarded

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Nearly 80 officers and men are named in to-night's London Gazette for gallant and distinguished service in the Middle East.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) James Joseph Kingstone, late of the cavalry, who already holds the D.S.O. and M.C., receives a bar to the D.S.O.

Colonel Kingstone was in 1932 appointed to command the 9th Queen's Royal Lancashire when he was only 38—an exceptionally early age for an officer to command a regiment in peacetime.

The D.S.O. is awarded to Captain (temporary Major) Robert Archibald Eden, the Royal Horse Artillery; Captain (acting Major) Robert Brian James, of the Essex Regiment; one Major (acting Lieut-Colonel) Frederick Arthur Montague Bertram Jenkins, M.C., of the 2nd Punjab Regiment of the Indian Army.

The Military Cross is awarded to 23 officers including two of the Indian Army and six of the Australian military forces.

The list also includes the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Sergeant Richard Samuel Head, R. A. (South Shields), Sergeant George Cairns Wigham, of the Rifle Brigade—the Prince Consort's Own (Madras), and two Australian Sergeants.

Four Indians receive the Indian Order of Merit (2nd Class), 30 military medals and ten Indian Distinguished Service medals are also awarded.

Captain (acting Major) R. E. James (Essex Regiment) and Major (acting Lt-Col) F. A. M. Jenkins (2nd Punjab Regt) are mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East.

Repressing Communists In France

Severe Vichy Measures
SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”
VICHY, Aug. 19 (UP).—Official French circles said to-night that the Government is preparing extremely severe measures for repression of Communist activity in Free France. The penalties provided by law for Communist agitation will be considerably increased as in the occupied zone where German court martials may now sentence French Communists to death.

In Marseilles, the police arrested 21 cell leaders and chiefs of Communist militant groups including the editorial staff of the clandestine Communist weekly, “Rouge Midi.”

Protest Against Arrest
VICHY, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Paris morning newspaper “La France Au Travail” to-day says that M. Jacques Doriot, leader of the “P.F.”—French Populist Party—has protested to the Government against the arrest of 16 of his followers, members of the French Populist Youth Wing of his party, for the bombing of the Vichy Synagogue.

M. Doriot protests that a Rabbi offered 60,000 Francs reward for the arrest of the perpetrators and said that the arrested were obtained only after eleven hours of grilling.

Exchange Of Prisoners

Vichy Officers Released
CAIRO, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Fifteen of the Vichy officers detained in Jerusalem have been released and have returned to Syria, where they are awaiting repatriation.

They are all of very junior rank. Their release follows the return from France of a party of 51 British officers and other ranks.

It is understood that General Dentz and senior officers with him will be held until all British officers captured in Syria and taken to France are released.

Britain's Allies In United States

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—A call to abandon the “Defend America” and “Aid Britain” slogans and adopt a policy of full participation with Britain to defeat Nazism was recently cabled from London to New York by Mr. Ewart Scudder, Director of the Committee to Defend America.

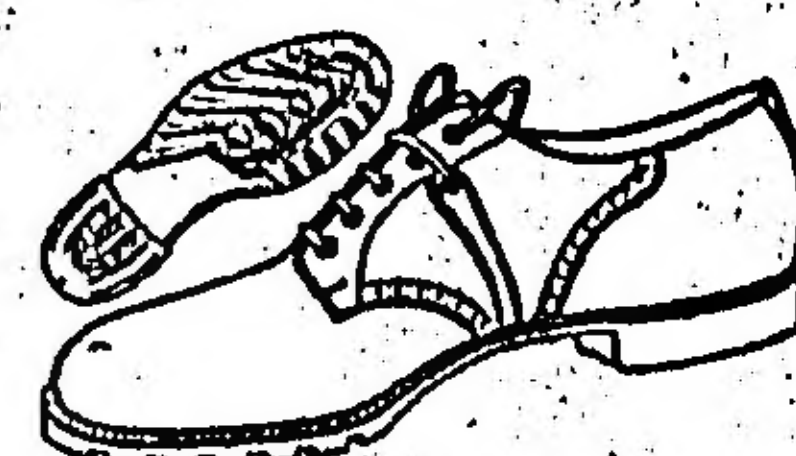
The National Director of the Committee replied, “Our programme urges full participation to win the war and organize peace. We will only have the right to a vigorous voice in the establishment of world justice if we are willing to make a contribution, whatever the sacrifices, to winning the war.”

Mr. Scudder declares that the Committee reaches 15,000,000 Americans and has never been so full of life.

Rubber Quota

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Regulation Committee has fixed the permissible export quota for the fourth quarter of this year under the regulation scheme at 120 per cent. of the standard tonnage.

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GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED RUSSIA

ZURICH, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Despite the millions of men involved, it is remarkable how few signs of fighting are visible from the air except at isolated points, writes the “Berliner Neuzuercher Zeitung,” describing a flight to Smolensk.

This is apparently due to the loose nature of the fighting over a vastly extended front thousands of kilometres long and hundreds of kilometres deep. Many villages are completely destroyed, yet others outside the zone of fighting are untouched.

The double battle of Byalystok and Minsk has left very small visible trace as the war material the Russians are reported to have left behind is “probably either already largely removed or largely hidden in the forests.”

The correspondent saw few traces of Soviet fortifications. He concluded: “The Russians intentionally based their defence on the fire of automatic weapons disposed at great depth, hidden snipers and well-aimed artillery equipped with many heavy guns.”

The Red Army also probably regarded the tank and infantry counter-attack as one of the chief methods of defence.

Harvest Time

Where destruction is visible, for instance at Smolensk, it is terrible. Where villages are not destroyed, the Germans have ordered collective farms to continue harvesting.

In other parts, harvesting is impossible as the returning population has fled the towns and farms burnt out. They cannot replace lost agricultural implements and so face starvation.

In order to tackle the supply problem, the Germans have shown astonishing speed in converting one track and double track railways to the normal gauge. Alternatively, they use motor transport and transport planes.

Quartering Soldiers

Quartering the soldiers presents a harder problem. Many German soldiers say that they have been sleeping in tents for weeks. With the possible start of the cool weather in the northern and central sectors of the front in September, the Germans will have the task of providing quarters for whole armies in the continuously advancing front and sectors.

“With the continuing penetration into Russia, the advance season and the solution of technical problems, apart from actual fighting, will more and more determine the outlook of the war,” says the correspondent.

OPM—OPAS TO BE HARMONISED

Differences Studied
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has commissioned Judge Samuel Rosenman of the New York Supreme Court to study the differences between the Office of Production Management and the Office of Price Administration and Supply.

The two offices have not seen eye to eye on some matters of policy—for example, the proposed curtailment of motor car production in order to make room for an expanded defence output—and there has been talk of creation of some “super defence agency” under the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace.

Judge Rosenman went to Washington and offered his observations. President Roosevelt has services in any capacity while the Court is in recess.

STOCK EXCHANGE Home Rails Strong

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, home rails provided the main feature with strong all round support, influenced by hopes of an early settlement on the new government agreement.

Elsewhere, things were more quiet but the undertone continued firm and prices were generally maintained.

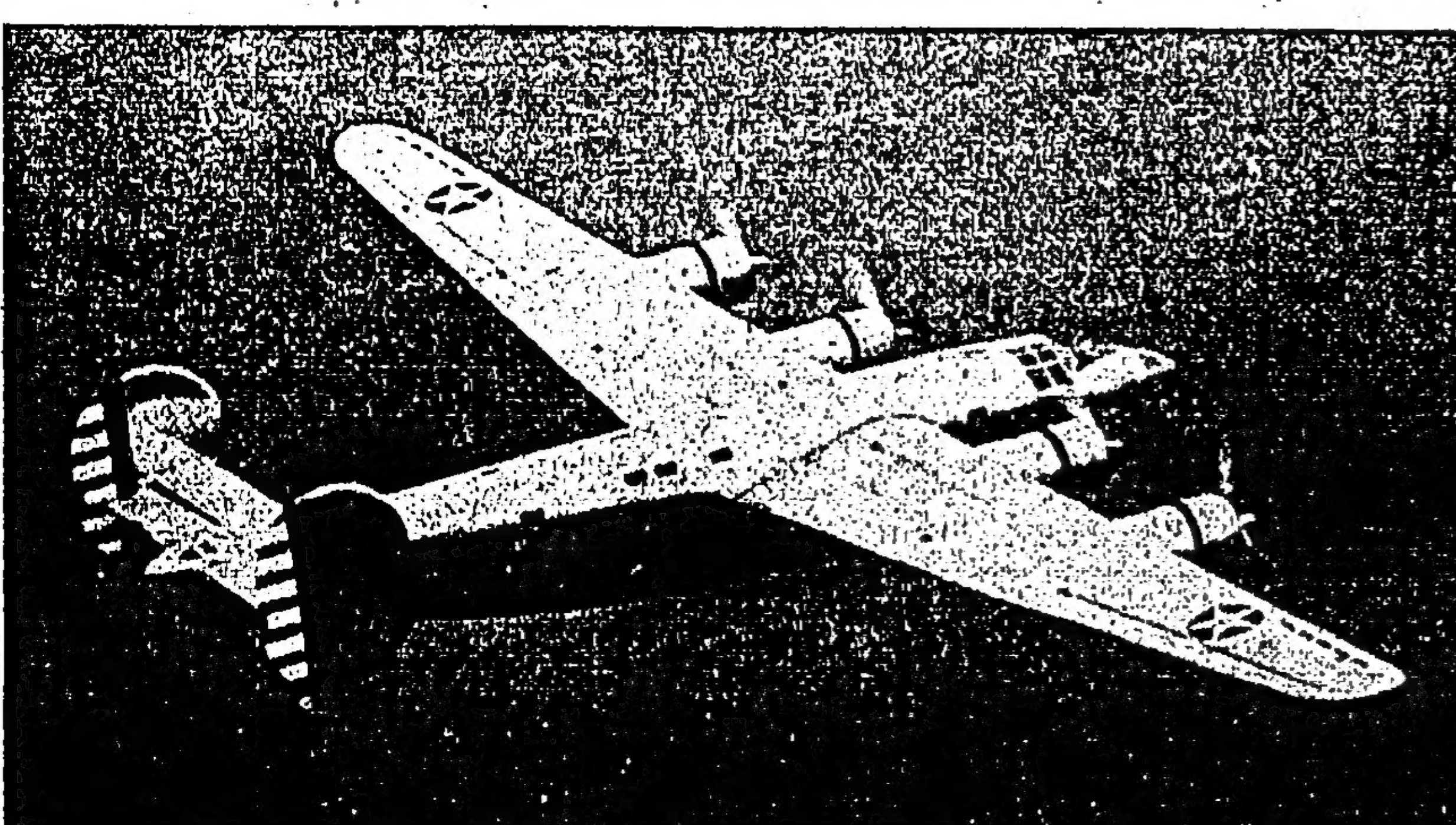
Bradford Dyers were a good feature among the industrials on payment of five years' arrears of preference dividends.

Shipping stocks continued firm, oils were quiet and Kafirs were quietly firm. Among foreign bonds, Brazilian and Peruvian issues were firm.

Germans Arrested In Rangoon

From Foreign Legion
RANGOON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Five Germans who are believed to have escaped from the French Foreign Legion have been taken into custody at Victoria Point in British territory. They have been brought to Rangoon under police escort and detained.

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Around The Courses

Eyes Have It In Golf

Swimming

Headquarters "B" Win R. Scots' Annual Sports

BEFORE an enthusiastic crowd of supporters last night at the Army pool, Royal Scots held their annual Inter-Company swimming sports, first place being taken by Headquarters "B", who secured 21½ points against 20½ to Headquarters "A".

Other places were "D" Company 25 points, "C" Company 18, "E" Company 13 and "A" Company 11.

Inter-School Aquatic Heats

HEATS for the 220 yards and the diving for the Inter-School swimming sports which have been arranged by the V.I.C. for Saturday were held at the V.I.C. last night.

Qualifiers for the final were: Boys 220 yards—Heat 1—Donald Young (St. Joseph's) 2, A. V. Lopez (La Salle) 3, A. Sandberg (La Salle) 4, Time 2:54. Heat 2—William (St. Stephen's) 2, Nora-Perella (La Salle) 3, Time 2:51 2/3 sec.

Boys Senior Diving (qualifiers for final)—Chang On (St. Stephen's) 2, Pomeroy (La Salle) 3.

Left Ensures Greater Control Of Head Movement

Any News Better Than No News

(By "Birdie")

TILT YOUR HEAD to the right and look at the ball through the left eye in addressing it. The master of masters—Bobby Jones—used to do this, but he put it down to there being a difference between his two eyes. His left he called the "major" or controlling eye, and he says that he discovered this through shooting.

Victoria Club Call-over For St Leger

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—

Victoria Club's latest call-over for

the St Leger is:

11-2 Owen Tudor (t & o).

100-12 Devonian (t & o).

9-1 Chateau Larcose (o).

10-1 Bakhshavar (o), (100-9 t).

10-1 Nazarin (o).

100-7 Sunnille, Royalist and Orthodox (o).

100-6 Thorouffare, Ptolemy and Star-wort (o).

20-1 Finesse, Dancing Time and Lambert Sirene (o).

25-1 Feltes (o).

35-1 Turkian (o).

40-1 Camperdown, Royal Academy, Solium and Cuedey (o).

20-1 Felous (o).

I wonder how far he would be correct in applying this theory to all golfers? Can it be a fact that one or the other of one's eyes is better. Doctors will tell that one eye can be weaker than the other—but I don't think that is what Jones meant.

In the case of golf, I would think that with all the left is the "major" eye. For this reason, it helps to keep the head down for the longest possible time, and, at least, it keeps it there for the time of hitting the ball, which is what is wanted.

Just try looking at the ball through the right eye, and then calculate the percentage of shots which are spoiled through lifting the head too early.

With the left eye on the ball and even if there is the tendency to lift the head at the moment of impact, there is yet the range of the right eye to cross the ball before it is actually out of sight. By which time, the ball should have been struck.

Another thing I have found out about this left eye business is that a different perspective of the ball is seen, and the tilt of the head somewhat makes the in-out swing easier.

It alters the apparent line of approach. That is, a parallel line to one's feet appears to converge backwards when the left eye takes control, and in then hitting along what seems to be the correct line.

But the eyes play a great part in putting. Players with super eyesight can often just line up the hole by standing over the ball. Others have to lie down behind and study the direct line.

The American pros say that getting down behind is not necessarily to get the line but to look for any untoward obstacles that may be in the way. Blades of grass, they contend, may mean the holding out or otherwise.

THERE is a shortage of golf news at the moment, and what little does arrive here comes late and by round-about channels. But at least it shouldn't go in circles.

An article on holes-in-one was written quite recently by a local scribe, and this same article was reprinted in one of the Shanghai newspapers. The northern paper, came down to Hongkong and the article found its way thus into local columns again.

But on the question of holes-in-one there is a report, on an American professional at a Baltimore Club who saw the perfect fluke done the hard way. A tee shot at a 117-yard hole landed six inches past the pin but with the extreme backspin the ball hopped back into the hole.

It was a good iron shot and the green must have been on the soft side, but story of what is perhaps the loftiest iron shot ever made comes from South Africa where the ball came to rest on top of a 900-foot hill.

It was carried there by a hawk which had pounced on the ball while it was rolling through the grass.

League Tennis

POWERFUL

S. CHINA TEAM

BEAT CHINESE R. C.

The powerful South China tennis team in the "B" Division of the local League trounced the Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park yesterday by 8-1.

K. H. Yip, one of the most promising of the younger players in the Colony, and W. H. Ho were the strongest pair for the home side, and conceded but five games in winning their three sets.

Scores were: W. H. Ho beat T. C. Lu 6-2, 6-4; beat K. C. Ng and O. L. Pang 6-3; beat D. C. Luk and P. F. W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh beat Lu and

Father Teaches Son



Bobby Jones II, teaching Bobby Jones III how to play golf in the family manner. Note Junior's cocked head, and the concentration on the ball with the left eye.

Jenkins—Father And Son—Hope To Break Ninety Speed Records

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (UP).—A father-and-son team—featuring Salt Lake City's racing mayor, Ab Jenkins, and his 21-year-old-son—will speed over the hard surface of the Bonneville salt flats within the next few weeks in attempts to break some 90 new automobile records.

Perry Blames Pros For Tennis Controversy

THE QUESTION of holding an open tennis tournament, in which both professionals and amateurs can participate, has been the subject of controversy for a long time, and Fred Perry, former British Davis Cup star and Wimbledon champion, has now come forward to voice his views as to why such a competition has not been held.

A professional himself, he blames the "contrary to popular notion," he said, "the reason they don't have open tournaments in tennis on the same basis as golf, rests with the professionals, not the amateurs."

If the professionals would go to the amateur association to-morrow and ask them to take charge of open tournaments instead of trying to force the hand of the amateur body, then I feel sure the idea would become a reality."

Amateur Control Desirable As a solution to the problem, Perry suggested, that the amateurs be allowed to remain in control, take all the gate, while guaranteeing the prize money for the professionals.

After all, he declared, the amateur association has been successfully conducting tennis tournaments for several decades, establishing contacts all over the country with people interested in the future of the game, and are therefore in a better position to operate the open tourneys.

It is to be hoped that Perry's views would prove to be correct for there is no greater attraction in tennis than a competition in which both professionals and amateurs could meet.

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The following rinks will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in League bowls against the Indian R.C. on Saturday at Sookunpoo, commencing at 4 p.m.:

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Ho 6-2; beat Ng and Pang 6-1; lost to Luk and Choy 3-6. S. C. Dew and P. Szeto beat Lu and Ho 6-3; beat Ng and Pang 6-1; beat Luk and Choy 6-4.

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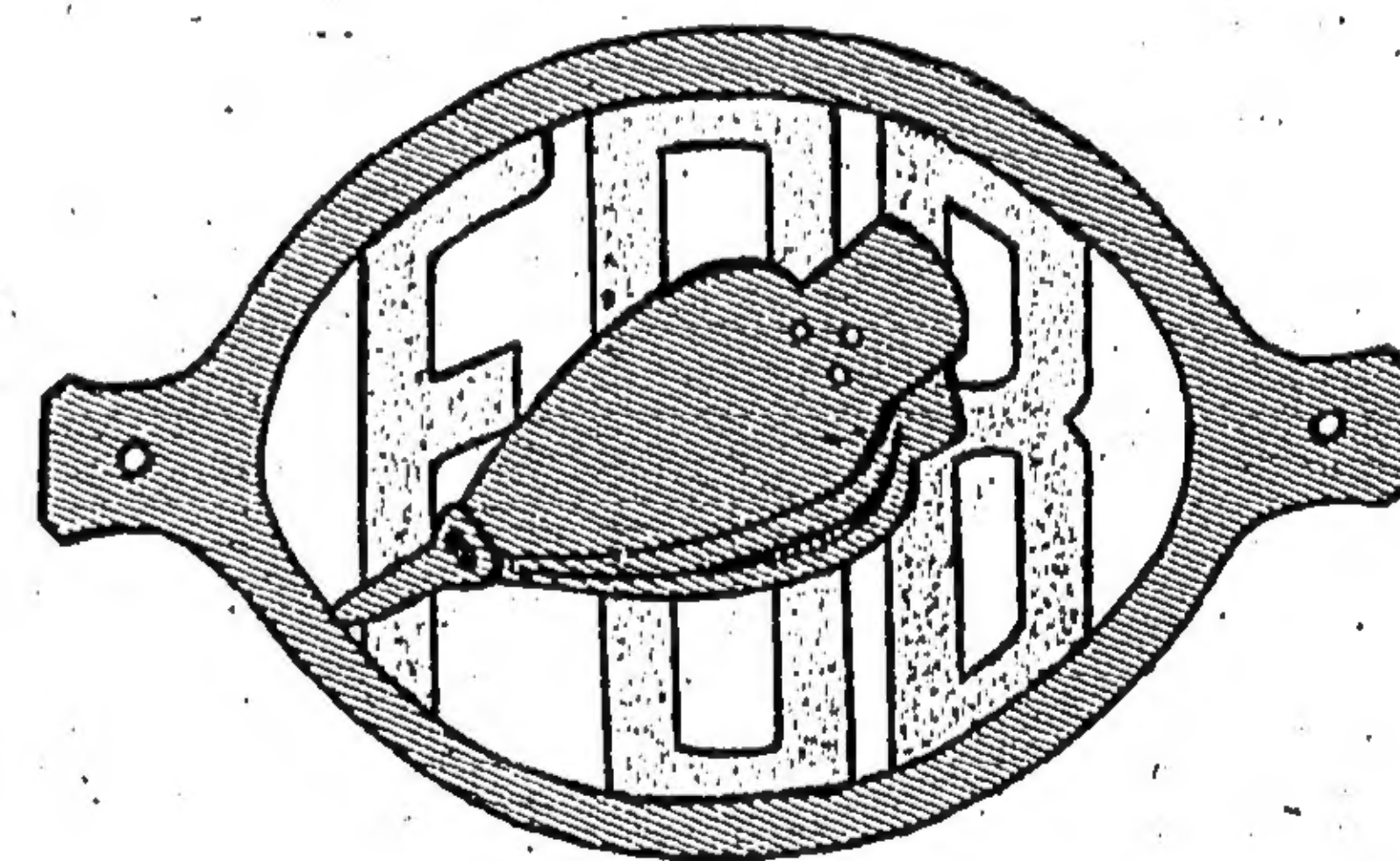
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In addition, Jenkins will have two other primary objectives:

He hopes to become the first man to travel 4000 miles in a 24-hour period. To do this, he will have to average 167 miles an hour from dawn one morning until dawn the next.

He wants to be the first race car driver to cover 200 miles in an hour.

Records Set in 1940

IN his 1940 run, Jenkins and his relief driver, Cliff Derrere, averaged 161.18 miles an hour for 24 hours in establishing new records for all closed-track circular records up to and including the 24-hour mark.

The most miles Jenkins has ever covered in an hour in his Mormon Meteor III has been 181, accomplished a year ago.

Jenkins last year turned in the fastest mile ever made on a circular course—109 miles an hour over part of an 11-mile closed course.

Jenkins plans, during his 24-hour runs, to use one of the two courses for a while, then shift to the other while emergency crews smooth bumps on the first speedway.

Understudy

MARV JENKINS has been understudy to his famous father ever since the latter started developing the Bonneville flats into the world's fastest speedway many years ago.

Until this year he was barred from official participation because of automobile association rules requiring that drivers be at least 21 years old.

There was also a possibility of a direct time race between Jenkins and his son in dual attempts to establish all existing records in Class C—for racers having cylinder displacements of less than 250 cubic inches.

Winfield will permit Jenkins or his son to drive his "Car 54," the Bowes Special that, piloted by Ralph Hepburn, placed fourth in this year's Indianapolis race. The car has a displacement of 195 cubic inches.

Father Versus Son

THE plans call for Jenkins to drive 500 miles in the car over a track of the same size as the Indianapolis speedway. Then the son will take the wheel and repeat the drive in an attempt to surpass his father's marks.

The major closed-course records Ab Jenkins now holds in the world's unlimited class include:

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500 miles	177.2 "
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2,000 miles	170.3 "
3,000 miles	165.8 "
4,000 miles	163.5 "
8,000 miles	149.42 "
10,000 kilometres	148.97 "
1 hour	182.5 "
3 hours	177.3 "
6 hours	172.3 "
12 hours	170.2 "
24 hours	161.1 "
48 hours	148.53 "

The foregoing marks were established on the Bonneville Salt Flats within the past four years.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

GERMAN CITIES AGAIN BOMBED

Cologne, Duisburg, Berlin

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Royal Air Force is giving German industrial cities and the Channel ports no rest.

According to the Air Ministry, a great number of heavy bombs were dropped both on Cologne and Duisburg, many large fires being left burning.

The docks at Dunkirk were also effectively bombed. Eight British planes are missing from these attacks.

Encouraging News

ANKARA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The announcement that British bombers over Germany frequently number over 300 a night and the publication of figures of bombs dropped in three weeks over the Ruhr, Cologne and Hamburg has impressed public opinion as never before with Britain's air might.

It has also done much to remove the misleading impression created by German communiques when they speak about "isolated British aircraft" and so on.

Berlin Bombed

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Soviet planes raided Berlin area last night, according to the Moscow radio. Incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on military and industrial objectives where fires and explosions were observed.

All the Soviet planes returned safely to their bases.

Nazis Lose Eight

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Eight German fighters were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters in offensive operations over Northern France this morning, it is learned.

Six R.A.F. fighters are missing but the pilots of two are safe.

Losses on Both Sides

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Three British bombers and 12 fighters were lost during extensive operations over the Channel and Northern France to-day.

Coastal shipping off Ostend and off the Dutch coast and targets at Hazebrugg were among the objectives of the raid.

Rescues in Channel

LONDON, Aug. 19 (British Wireless).—The rescues of R.A.F. pilots are described in an Air Ministry account of to-day's fighter sweep over Northern France.

The pilots of two R.A.F. planes are safe. Both were rescued by the Air-Sea Rescue Service. One of these pilots is a Belgian who shot down a Messerschmitt yesterday. He climbed into his rubber dinghy when he came down in the water and was picked up an hour later.

Raid-Free Day

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—After a day free from enemy activity over Britain, bombs were dropped on a southern coast town soon after dark today. There were only two casualties—one serious.

Japan's Naval Mission

MADRID, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—After having been six months in Germany, Japan's special naval mission is returning to Japan from Cadiz on August 22, travelling via South America.

Economic Pressure Is Making Japan Squirm

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—The Japanese-inspired reports of an impending barter agreement with the British and Dutch which have been denied by the British are regarded as evidence that Tokyo is beginning to squirm under the economic pressure of the democracies.

Authoritative Dutch quarters admitted that private firms in the Dutch East Indies, especially dealers in coffee, tea and sugar have been discussing an export license which the Dutch authorities show no sign of granting.

These same quarters stated that there is no question of restoring Dutch oil exports, and the inclusion of rubber in the discussions with private firms is improbable. The head of the London Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Viscount Kanoe, to-day, told the "United Press": "The story that the Yokohama Specie Bank is negotiating with the Bank of England in connection with a barter deal is not true."

Wishful Thinking

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in authoritative circles in London of reports emanating from Japanese sources that trade negotiations have either been or are about to open between Japan, Britain and the Netherlands East Indies.

Such stories probably owe their origin to Japanese wishful thinking.

CHURCHILL TELLS HIS CABINET

What He Discussed With Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—It is reliably stated that Mr. Winston Churchill methodically told the Cabinet of his conversations with President Roosevelt and also the conclusions of the Staff talks.

It is understood that the Cabinet discussed the British personnel of the tri-power conference to be held at Moscow but that so far no decisions have been made.

Mr. Churchill arrived at 9.27 a.m. from his ocean conference. He was greeted by his wife, virtually all members of the Cabinet and he shook hands with Mr. John Winant, the United States Ambassador, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken and the King's private Secretary, Sir Alexander Hardinge.

Letter Delivered

LONDON, Aug. 19 (UP).—Mr. Winston Churchill took luncheon with the King to-day and handed the King President Roosevelt's letter. They remained in conversation for nearly two hours.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

Hope For Soviets In Elastic Defences

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).

A military commentary by "Annalist" states that "desperate fighting is proceeding on two sectors on the Eastern Front: in the north near Narva, and in the south, the Ukraine. The Germans have apparently been assembling their resources for another big thrust towards Leningrad and like all offensives launched with weight and intensity it has met with some initial success.

The Russians admit that they have fallen back from Kingisepp but there is no indication of any breach in their line.

Their defences increase in number and strength the nearer the front approaches Leningrad, and if the defence yields a little ground under pressure the toll taken in casualties is probably so high that even the Germans must eventually find the price higher than they can afford.

It is probable that a similar offensive is being prepared at Smolensk and Kiev as it would be consistent with German traditions to exercise the maximum pressure at all points at the same time.

In the Ukraine the Germans claim to have got to the lower reaches of the Dnieper, but Marshal Budenny's rear guard is putting up stiff resistance on the east of the river further north in the bend, and at no place has a crossing been forced.

Few Prisoners

It is significant that the Germans make no big claims for captured prisoners and this would suggest that the main body of Marshal Budenny's army is still intact and will have to be reckoned with even if the Germans succeed in obtaining possession of the whole bend.

The question of Russian resistance is largely a question of the reinforcements at Marshal Budenny's disposal. He has shown remarkable skill in extricating his men from encirclement and the German thrust must be losing vigour with every mile of its progress.

Nazis All Out

It is clear, however, that the High Command is "all out" for a decisive victory before the weather breaks and puts an intolerable strain on their lines of communication. The Russians have shown astonishing skill in evading being cornered in a position from which there is no issue. They have practised elastic defence in a most subtle form and have given ground in exchange for heavy losses.

Hurricane Exhibition
SYDNEY, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The first Hurricane fighter seen in Australia is giving exhibition flights throughout the country.

The machine is a gift from the British Government, promised by Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair to Mr. R. G. Menzies during the latter's visit to England.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
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T.T. Saigon	100
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T.T. Switzerland	105
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

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4 m/s France	104 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
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Chinese Dollar In S'hai

CHUNGKING, Aug. 20 (Reuter).—Chinese here are gratified at the rise in value of the Chinese dollar in the Shanghai market. A semi-official statement declares:

"The market rise in the foreign exchange value of the Chinese dollar in the Shanghai market yesterday was the result of the operation of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund. In constituting an important measure to strengthen the exchange value of the dollar, this operation of the Stabilisation Fund will contribute towards maintenance of the exchange rate of the dollar, which will in turn benefit legitimate Chinese and foreign business."

Amy Johnson's Life, Film

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Anna Neagle, the film star, and Mr. Herbert Wilcox, the producer, have left by clipper for London to make a film of the life of Amy Johnson, the famous British aviatrix who was drowned last year while engaged in war work.

Miss Neagle is travelling under the name of Florence Marjorie Robertson.

Cat And Labour For Robbery With Violence

Remark that any robbery with violence was a serious offence, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, Paines Judge, passed sentence of three years' hard labour with 12 strokes of the cat on seven men found guilty by a jury of robbing a junk off Conic Island, British Water, on July 9. The defendants were S. Tai, Shek Chiu-fai, Li Chun, Li Leung-sung, Chiu Kwan, Chan Luk and Li Yuen.

The jury empanelled were Messrs J. B. Sturgeon (foreman), Au Yee-choy, Fung Yin-kwan, Fung Un, Kwok Kwok-choi, Chan Hung-cho and J. M. Walker.

Menzies Warns Against Complacency In War

SYDNEY, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—A warning to Australians against complacency and slackening of effort and a declaration that the war would be a task years long was uttered by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, to-day addressing businessmen.

Warmly praising Russia, he said: "Thank God for what the Russian Army has done, is doing and is going to do."

Praising government control of prices, profits and interest rates, Mr. Menzies said that this would continue after the war and was part of the new order which was being built already.

Mr. Menzies added that historically it was true that no country with a population of 7,000,000 had undertaken as much as Australia had undertaken in this war.

Mission To London
SYDNEY, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Discussing the suggestion that his proposed mission to London would be treated as a major political issue, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies,

U.K.-JAPAN BARTER RUMOURS

London Explanation

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The following authoritative statement was issued in London last night. "Rumours of negotiations for a barter trade agreement between Great Britain and Japan seem to have arisen out of a communication to the Yokohama Specie Bank for information as to the banking machinery which they would be permitted to use in connection with any movement of goods which might exceptionally be licensed in the future.

The position is that in order to ensure that the effect of the freezing order will be fully maintained, frozen funds will not be released to finance exports to Japan.

Arrangements are, however, being made to secure that if in any particular case it is decided to license imports, payments for such licensed imports will be made to a clearing account, the balance on which will be available only to pay for licensed exports.

Export licences will be granted for approved goods only within the limit of the funds available on the clearing account.

Similar arrangements are being made in other parts of the Empire.

The maintenance of diplomatic and consular representation will be financed in a similar way.

STRONG A.A. DEFENCES OF RUHR

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The Germans again appear to have brought up new defences to the Ruhr and the Rhineland, states the Air Ministry, for one bomber over Cologne last night was held by searchlights for over an hour while there was fierce anti-aircraft fire from both sides of the river.

But the weather was on the side of the attackers and the R.A.F. dropped loads of incendiaries and high explosives on factories and railways at Cologne and Duisburg, causing many large fires, including a great oil fire, visible for many miles.

Bombers Guided Home
A searchlight beam swept across the sky and guided two British bombers safely home and probably saved the lives of the crew and their aircraft.

A gunner, Laurence Smith, had just gone on duty at a lonely searchlight station when he heard the drone of a British bomber. The engines were "missing" and Smith realised that the pilot had lost his way and had engine trouble. He put a beam on the aircraft and flashed it several times across the sky down to the bomber's base until the pilot realised that he was being shown the way home. He landed safely and another bomber, also lost, followed him.

Chinese Representative To Low Countries

CHUNGKING, Aug. 20 (Central News).—The Executive Yuan meeting yesterday approved sending Mr. Wang King, Chinese Minister to the Netherlands, to England to keep in close touch with the Netherlands Government and simultaneously to take charge of the affairs of the Chinese Embassy in Belgium.

NEW REVOLUTION IN FRANCE HELD TO BE IMMINENT

Eventual revolution in France is predicted by two Americans who have just arrived in New York from France.

"Within a few months there will be blood in the streets of Paris," declared Henry Kahn, aged 66 years. "I saw in 1871 during the Commune after the Franco-Prussian war," he added, "what the French can do when they get mad, and they are getting mad now."

Josephine Winter, a member of the American Ambulance Corps, who was detained in a Barcelona prison for 11 days as an alleged spy, declared:

"Talk of a revolution is common throughout France, but the people are not yet able to do anything about it."

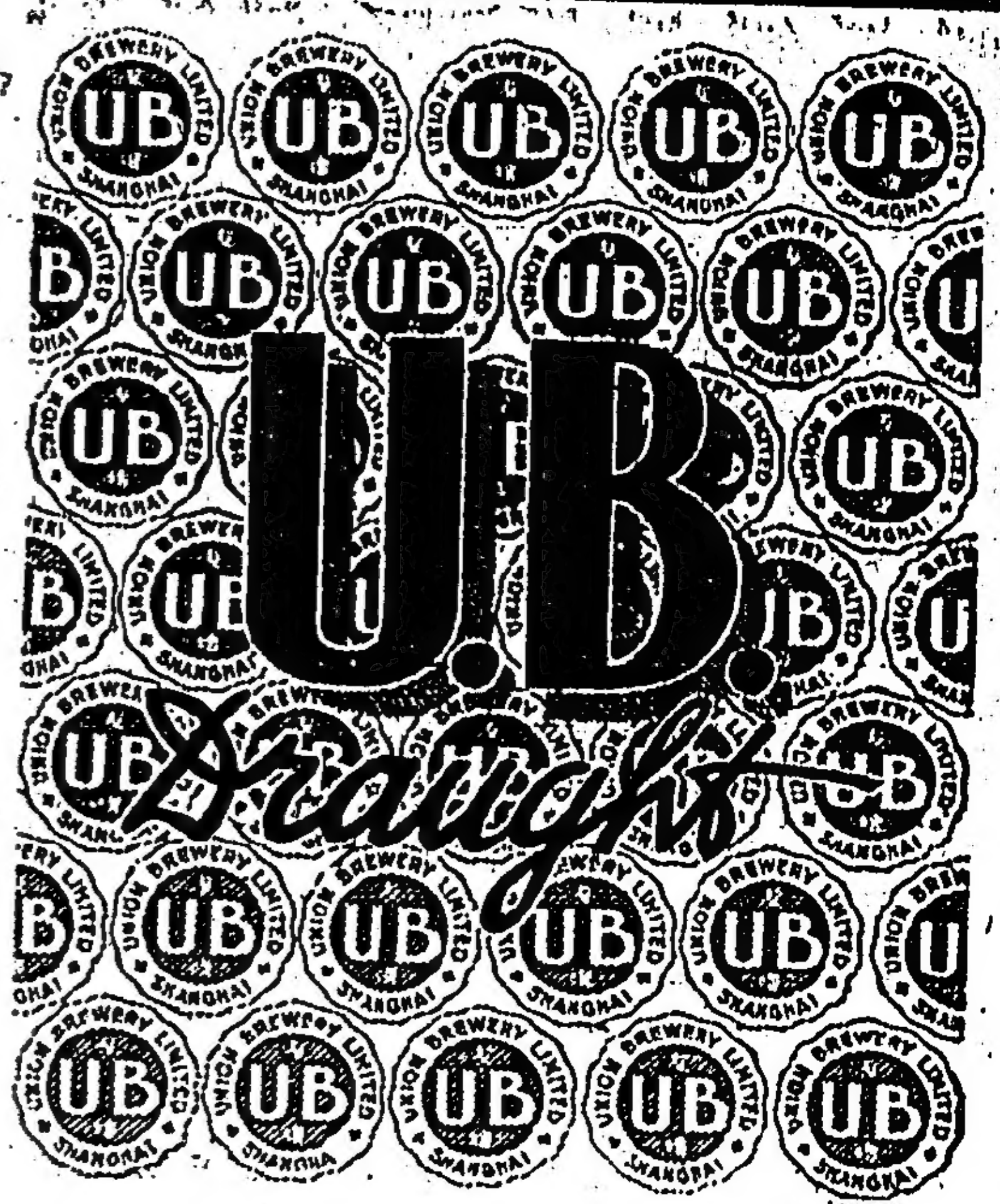
King Rations His Cigarettes

Because of the tobacco shortage in Britain, the King has had to cut down his cigarette smoking.

The Queen mentioned this when she visited a girls' hostel in Hoxton, one of the poorer districts of London. "I don't smoke, but I know the King has cut down his smoking because of the cigarette shortage," she said.

The Queen asked the Mayor of Shoreditch (Alderman T. J. Shillito) whether he found it difficult to get cigarettes.

"Unfortunately, yes, Madam," said the Mayor.



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Russia's Merchant Fleet Is Eleventh Largest

In view of the current interest in the question of United States giving aid to Russia in the present war, the following data on the mercantile marine and the railway transportation of the U.S.S.R. has been made available by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"As of July 1, 1938, the last full pre-war year, Russia ranked 11th among the world's merchant marines in point of tonnage, having a total of 678 vessels with an approximate gross tonnage of 1,370,000 tons. This slightly exceeded the tonnage of Denmark at the time, and was surpassed by the merchant marines of Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Norway, Germany, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Greece and Sweden, in that order.

"The Soviet merchant marine included at this date eight barges, two sailing vessels, 13 combined sailing vessels and diesel-motored ships, one combined sailing and steam ship, 503 steamers of which one were side-wheelers and 141 vessels propelled by diesel engines.

"During the four years prior to 1938, a total of 52 ships were put in operation. Of the total number of ships, only 216 were built in Russia, 143 were constructed in England, 120 in Germany, 43 in Holland and 33 in the United States.

Ninety-five ships, the United States tonnage, or 36 percent of the total number, were over 20 years old in 1938, and only 10 ships were reported to have a speed exceeding 12 knots.

"After a voyage of some 4,500 miles across the Pacific requiring 15 to 16 days for ships at moderate speed, United States shipments to Vladivostok have another 5,700 miles to travel via the 5-ft. gauge double tracked trans-Siberian railway to reach Moscow. Wide gauge of the Russian railways would preclude use of existing United States rolling stock to increase transportation facilities over the land route. Capacity of the trans-Siberian railway is not revealed.

Germany's Supplies
"However, it is significant that press reports from apparently authentic sources in the Far East state that as recently as June 1941, Japan was supplying Germany with a total of 1,500 tons of raw materials daily over the trans-Siberian route, which, of course represents only a portion of the total travel. It was reported that about 8,000 freight cars of 20 metric tons capacity each were engaged in the trade between Germany and the Far East.

"A study of the trans-Siberian railway by the Department of Commerce issued in January, 1940, noted that freight shipped from the Far East to Europe via the trans-Siberian railway is not revealed.



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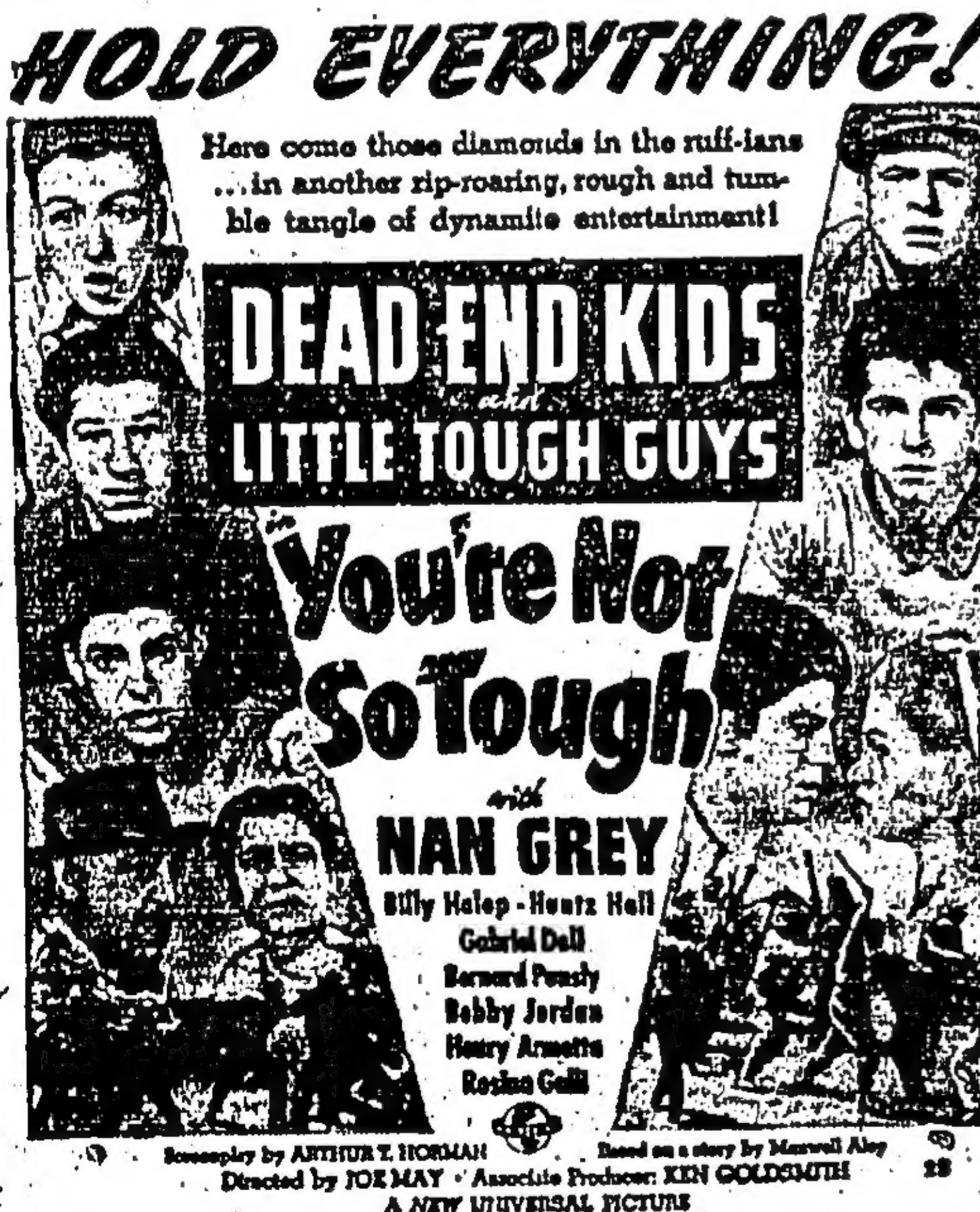
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Abend Declares War Inevitable

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drift toward war by the United States.

Japan is termed the prototype of Nazi Germany—"arrogant, greedy, scornful of the rights of others, and with the temerariousness of a bully," which he says cannot be avoided, Mr. Abend names Japan's violation of treaties concerning China, and then argues that even aside from ethical reasons the United States cannot permit Japan to be permanently successful in her campaign of aggression and expansion. Success, he foresees, would make Japan so powerful within two decades that American geographical safety would be endangered, "the Japanese temperament being what it is."

It is now impossible for Japan to reverse her policies, the article argues, not only because of the question of "face" but because an appeasement would satisfy America and Great Britain which did not include the withdrawal of Japanese armed forces from all of China, and the desertion of Japan's puppet regimes there. For economic and political reasons Japan does not dare to call home her army of more than 1,000,000 men, it is stated, for she could not give them employment nor afford a dole, and the returned armies might easily be stirred to a revolution.

Fragility of Treaties
The "Look" article argues that Japan's adherence to the German-Italian Axis pact would not deter Tokyo's opportunist statesmen if they thought they could appease America and Britain, and still keep what they have conquered. It also charges that when the time seems opportune, Japan will carelessly break her treaty of friendship, neutrality and non-aggression concluded with Soviet Russia on April 13 of this year. But Japan will not attack Russia until Hitler has first broken the Soviet power of resistance, it is prophesied. Japan's military clique, trying clumsily to play at diplomacy, have brought the Empire to the pass where its whole future is tied up with the hope of a German victory, and if Germany loses, Mr. Abend says, Japan will be so soundly beaten by the United States that her naval forces will be gone and her merchant fleet lost. She will then be an impoverished and embittered second or even third class power.

America Will Win
Mr. Abend is nevertheless confident that America will win the conflict. Victory will be followed by the transferring of most of the United States Fleet to the Atlantic. Possibly 30 submarines will be left in the China Seas to prey upon Japanese transports and supply ships bound for China. This will so seriously cripple the Japanese Army on the Asiatic mainland, that then General Chiang Kai-shek's armies can stage a gigantic counter-offensive, and drive them into the sea.

Although the United States will be seeking no territorial gains by opposing Japan, the author closes by urging that at the final peace conference Japan be permanently deprived of some of that long chain of islands extending down the Pacific and into the South Seas, for so long as she holds and can fortify these islands, he argues, Japan will be in a position to bar American trade from eastern Asia.

"The bad neighbour should be made to put up at least that much of a bond to keep the peace," Mr. Abend concludes.

Mystery Murder Of Woman Censor

Bermuda authorities have called in U.S. G-men to help solve the murder of a woman member of the censor's staff at Hamilton (Bermuda).

The victim was Margaret Stapleton, a 43-year-old English-woman. Only clue to the slaying, which occurred recently in a sawn-off baseball bat.

Miss Stapleton was killed as she was cycling along a moonlit road on her way to a railway station.

Doctors declared that she had been assaulted and beaten to death. The body was found with most of the clothing torn off.

The killing is Bermuda's first "mystery murder."

Flung From Plane, Clings To Tail

Flung out of a training plane, a U.S. Army cadet lodged on its tail and hung on until his instructor landed the plane safely at St. Louis (Illinois).

The cadet, Victor Woodruff, 23, said: "I wasn't frightened until we were on the ground. Then I realized what had happened."

"I was adjusting the belt around me when the plane dived and somersaulted me out."

"I clutched the plane's tailpiece in a grip you couldn't have broken with a crow-bar."

Girl Freed From Forced Marriage

The marriage of Consuelo Fernandez, instructor at Adamson University, in the Philippines, to Francisco Genato, employee of the Cebu branch of the San Miguel Brewery, was annulled recently on the ground that it was forced and the couple did not live together after the marriage.

Miss Fernandez and Genato were married on May 3, 1939, and since that time had not lived together as man and wife. The court added that Miss Fernandez submitted to the marriage under threats and intimidation of Genato and his relatives.

Miss Fernandez has been teaching at Adamson for the past four years. Genato did not contest the complaint filed against him.

NEW YORK'S DOCK FIRE

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The latest known casualty list in last night's dock fire is seven dead, 55 in hospital and about 40 missing, including longshoremen, some of whom were working in the hold of the Panuco. If they have escaped they have failed to report themselves; they may have been burnt to death.

The damage is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Vassar Sophomore Dead In Car

The body of Anne M. Greene, missing 19-year-old Vassar College sophomore, was found in an automobile in an isolated section of Lexington, Mass. A medical examiner reported she had committed suicide with carbon monoxide.

Miss Greene had been searched for throughout the east since she drove away from her Cambridge home on June 11 after leaving a suicide note. She was the daughter of Professor William C. Greene of Harvard University.

The girl was said to have been depressed because she had failed in her studies at Vassar and was on probation.

The automobile was found parked in a wooded section of an old rifle range. The car doors were locked and a rubber hose had been run from the exhaust to the car's interior.

The medical examiner said the girl probably had been dead 10 days.

LATE NEWS

Stubborn Red Army Holds Nazis At Bay

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port of Odessa were occupied after a two week drive. The High command said that ceaseless air-bombing had reduced Odessa to an "inferno" and that the final assault will soon be launched.

German advance lines are said to stretch along the Dnieper from Kiev to the Black Sea where the bridge-heads over which the remnants of the Russian forces are trying to reach the east shore, are being blasted by German artillery and bombers.

May Release Dam Waters

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (UP).—There are reports circulating here from London and Moscow that the Russians may break the tremendous Dnepetrovsk dam for the purpose of flooding the Germans in the lower river areas.

After two months of the Russo-German war, the Nazis claimed to have taken all the Ukraine west from the Dnieper, comprising about 130,000 square miles, and to have captured 180,750 prisoners in the past ten days. However, informed quarters in London and Moscow deprecate Berlin's allegation that the Red Army in the Ukrainian area is in the process of dissolution, and indicated that the Red forces are in fact.

London experts assert that 400,000 Russian troops have withdrawn across the Dnieper in the past four days.

95 Miles From Leningrad

The Nazis are now about 95 miles from Leningrad—the central front defending Moscow reportedly holding firm.

Russian losses in connection with the Dnieper withdrawal are unofficially estimated at 150,000 men.

Aerial warfare continues with German and Russian bombers apparently attempting to raid enemy capitals without particular success.

New Fighting Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (UP).—Russia's latest fighting planes, reported to be faster, better armed and capable of flying higher than any machine hitherto available to the Russian air force, is to go into action to-morrow (Wednesday).

This was announced in Moscow to-day, when it was revealed that the Soviet aviation industry had now prepared sufficient numbers of these planes to enable them to go into combat.

Simultaneously a Moscow dispatch was released regarding the southwestern Ukrainian front which reported violent street fighting in cities and villages.

"Red Star," official Red Army newspaper, reported that a cavalry regiment has outflanked Germans at a point in the "K" counter-attack at night and had destroyed two Nazi battalions.

Latest Communique

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During August 19, our troops waged battle against the enemy along the entire front, especially stubbornly in the Kingdoms of Novgorod, Gorki and Odessa directions."

"According to information now available, on August 17 in the course of air combats, 28 German planes were brought down and not 22 as previously reported."

"On the night of August 17-18, our planes bombed Ploesti. Our fliers observed large fires and explosions."

"On August 18, 30 German planes were brought down in the course of air combats. We lost 12 planes."

"In the Black Sea, our bombers sank two enemy transports and set fire to another transport."

FLEET AIR ARM SMASHES CONVOY

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following day showed that it had been beached at Lamproedusa Island. The ship was then attacked by Blenheims of the R.A.F. and a direct hit with a heavy bomb set it on fire, with volumes of black smoke pouring from it.

Libya Raided

In Libya, heavy bombers of the R.A.F. raided Benghazi and Tripoli during the night of August 17-18. At Benghazi, the harbour and shipping were attacked. Bombs were observed to burst on the boxes of Jullana, the Cathedral and Central moles and on railway sidings. An explosion and several fires resulted.

At Tripoli, the harbour was bombed. Hits on the Spanish Mole and fort caused a number of explosions.

Repelled By Tomahawks
An attempt by a large force of Messerschmitt 109s and 110s to attack shipping off the Egyptian coast yesterday was foiled by Tomahawk fighters of the R.A.F. which gave combat to the 109s and compelled the 110s to drop their bombs some miles from the target.

Abyssinia

In the Wolcheff, Debarech and Gondar areas of Abyssinia, aircraft of the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force have been co-operating in machine-gunning and bombing enemy positions. Direct hits were scored on huts and buildings and the Fascist Headquarters was destroyed. A number of fires were started.

Operating off Malta, a Hurricane aircraft intercepted and shot down a Caproni seaplane.

From all these operations, two aircraft are missing.

QUEEN'S SHOWING TO-DAY

2.30, 5.30, 7.45 & 9.45 P.M.



NEXT CHANGE EDDIE CANTOR
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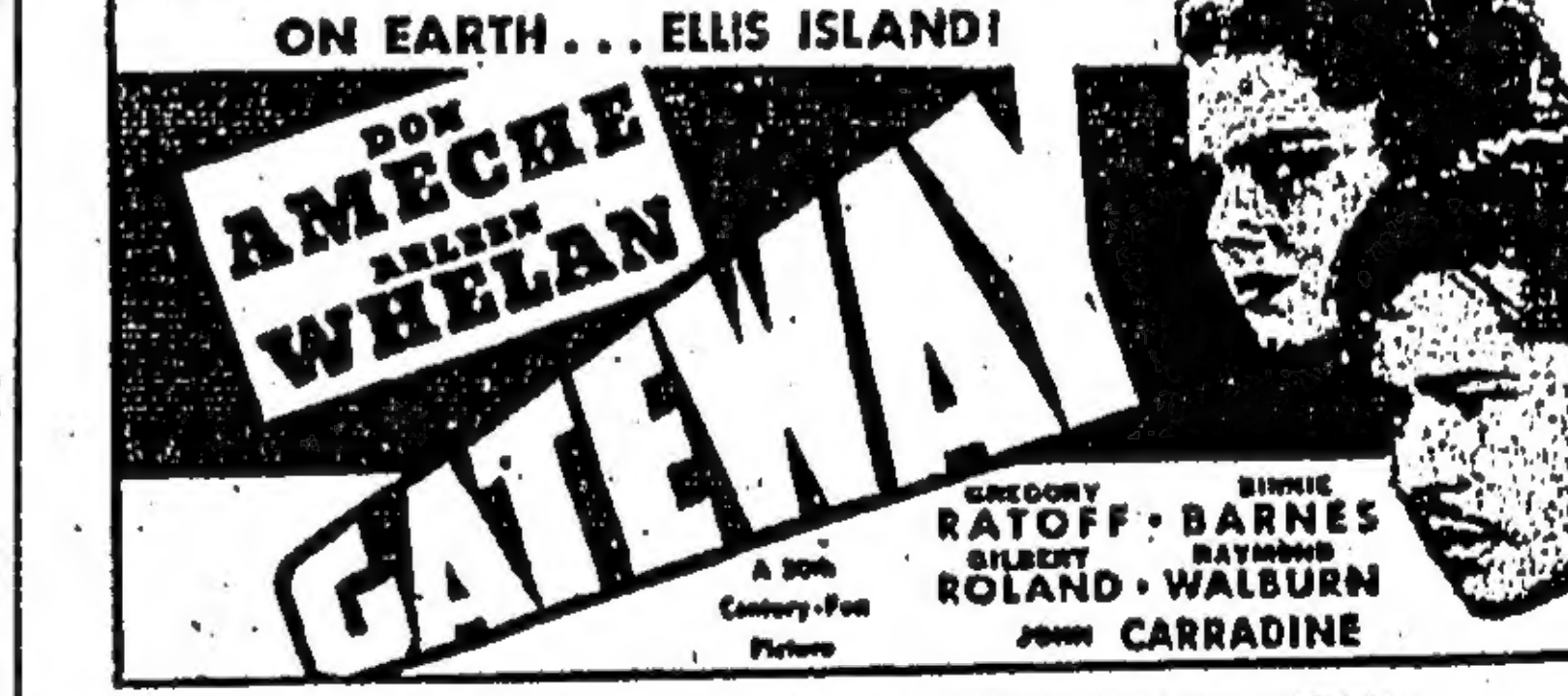
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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, Jr.
RITA HAYWORTH

TO-MORROW
"LUCKY PARTNERS"
An RKO Picture

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

OLD LIFE IS OVER! NEW LOVE BEGINS!

The law know their hearts better than they did... and sentenced them... to happiness!



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A CHINESE PICTURE IN MANDARIN

Japanese Ships Going On Full Wartime Footing

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 19 (Domei).—Japan's shipping industry will be placed on a complete wartime footing as a result of enforcement of the shipping control plan which was formally approved by the Government at the Cabinet meeting this morning.

The plan, which was originally drafted by the Ministry of Communications, will be referred to the General Mobilisation Inquiry Commission before being legalised.

The principal points of the plan, which aims at placing shipping under exclusive State control, include firstly, authorisation for the Government to regulate vessels; secondly, the Government to execute supervision over transportation schedules as well as the bottoms' allotment programmes, through a special judicial person to be appointed for the purpose; thirdly, the Government to be authorised to mobilise crews, who, however, will be permitted to continue their employment contracts with their employers; fourthly, compensation for ship owners for losses resulting from State control of shipping; and, fifthly, the Government to be authorised to control the shipbuilding industry.

Taken Over
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (UP).—The National Broadcasting Corporation to-day hear the B.B.C. report that the Japanese Government had taken over the Japanese merchant marine for use by the Japanese navy.

Four unused blue two-penny stamps of 1840 of Great Britain have been sold at a London auction for £200.

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